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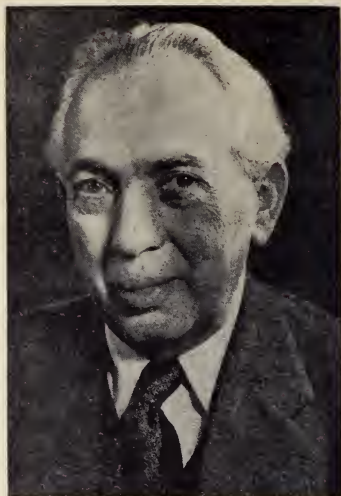
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and morning service of Purim  
(March 18th and 19th.) It is the  
custom to use noisemakers (*bam-*  
*klopper* or *gragger*) during this  
service. Every time Haman's name  
is mentioned, the children use the  
*graggers* in order to drown out  
mention of his name.

A three-cornered Purim delicacy  
known as *bamantash* is, according  
to custom, eaten on Purim. The  
*bamantash*, a German word mean-  
ing "Haman Pocket," is usually  
filled with poppy seeds, dates, nuts  
and raisins. *Schalach monos*, gift-  
giving and special remembrance of  
the poor, is customary on Purim.  
On an occasion of joy it is natural  
we should want to share our hap-  
piness with others. Hence, *scha-*  
*lach monos*. The carnival spirit  
rules on Purim.

### NEXT MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 17

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## A B'nai Brith Achievement

**I**N 1948 a young man with a vision brought together a group of Jews at a lovely resort in the Blue Ridge Mountains of western North Carolina. There they combined a program of health and recreation with seminars on topics of intense Jewish interest, led by the most eminent of Jewish scholars. As a sampling of the interests discussed we mention "Survival, Revival, or Extinction," "American Communal Problems Today, from the Standpoint of History," and "The Organization of the American Jewish Community." Among the scholars and leaders who lectured and stimulated discussion were Dr. Salo Baron, Dr. Jacob R. Marcus, and Philip Klutznick, now National President of B'nai Brith. This was the genesis of B'nai Brith Institutes of Judaism.

In the intervening years this notable experiment has borne rich fruit to the point where there are now annually held some thirty similar Institutes throughout the country. Moreover, the project, heretofore dependent upon the zeal and understanding of individuals, has now become formalized into a departmental activity of B'nai Brith itself.

The most obvious and most striking characteristic of B'nai Brith's history of 110 years of service to the community has been its pioneering spirit and its refusal to restrict its activities to an originally set pattern. Wherever there has appeared a felt need for community service, there B'nai Brith has furnished the service answer. In this instance it has created a Department of Jewish Education, budgetarily subsidized and directed

by Rabbi Harold Weisberg, a graduate of The Jewish Theological Seminary. Additionally, it has purchased the large and beautiful Camp Windsor in the Pocono Mountains to function as a central site for Institute-attendance by Atlantic Coast residents. Here, on a large scale, many groups will be led in study and discussion by the outstanding Jewish thinkers of our time.

The concept of B'nai Brith's Department of Adult Education has been warmly welcomed by institutions such as the Jewish Theological Seminary, Dropsie

College and the Jewish Publication Society. The Institute faculty will include Dr. Leo Jung, Dr. Salo Baron, Mr. Klutznick, Dr. Abraham Neuman, Maurice Samuel and others of equal stature.

As an institution devoted to Jewish living, thinking and progress, the Brooklyn Jewish Center greets this latest contribution of B'nai Brith to the sum total of Jewish values. We see in it another aspect of the Hillel work of the Order, which has bulked so large in the development of a proud, informed and dignified Jewish community.

WILLIAM I. SIEGEL

## Degeneration of Zeal

**T**HE Jewish community of New York was recently embarrassed and shamed by an example of misguided zeal which degenerated to the very point of rowdiness and, almost, of riot.

There is now pending before the Israeli Knesseth a National Service Bill which would draft women for service, auxiliary to the armed forces, such as nursing, teaching and clerical work. A minute minority of orthodox opinion in Israel is the sole opposition to the bill, their stand being based on the ground that this service would violate traditional and religious law. The fact is, however, that both the Hapoel Hamizrachi and the Mizrahi Organization have supported the pending measure after due consultation with the Israeli rabbinate.

On the 9th of this month a group of Jewish protestants against the law assembled before the Israeli Consulate in New York and in disorderly fashion

voiced their antagonism to the bill. Only the common sense and good judgment of the police authorities averted a serious riot. This type of pressure is reprehensible in itself, and is all the more deplorable because it was exercised against the diplomatic representatives of a government with whom the demonstrators are in fundamental accord, and with whose intricate problems and difficult situation all Jews should sympathize. The community has a right to expect that this disgraceful scene will not be reenacted.

WILLIAM I. SIEGEL

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# "JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES"

"בנינו לבין עצמנו"

*An Intimate Chat Between Rabbi and Reader*

## An Ideal Summer Camp for Your Children

**W**E ARE in the midst of winter, and are feeling the effects of the bitter cold and heavy snowfalls. It does not at all seem a fitting moment to discuss plans for the far-away summer months. And yet, this is just the time when parents are asked by camp owners and directors to enroll their children in their respective camps. In fact, some camps have already completed their registrations.

It therefore is of the utmost importance for parents to give thought to the whole problem of summer camping for their children. What do they expect of a camp? What should the camp do for their child? I believe that an intelligent parent expects something more from the camp than merely a place for sport

and play. Important as that is, it certainly is not enough. The camp should be equipped with the best and finest facilities for all types of athletics, but it should have something else; it should offer also some educational program. All educators are agreed that it is unwholesome for any child to divorce himself from all mental activity for the two vacation months. Above all, a good camp will utilize this time to instill in the boy or girl fine ideals of personal and group living. And a good Jewish camp should do even more. It should offer a fine Jewish educational program and give the child an opportunity to see Jewish life lived in its noblest and most beautiful form.

Fortunately, there are now such Jew-

ish camps, and fortunately, too, the number of parents who want such a camp is increasing from year to year. Many of our *Review* readers have already heard or read about the Camps *Ramah*, founded and directed by the Teachers' Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and the United Synagogue of America. They started with one camp in the Pocono Mountain region in Pennsylvania and the very next year had to add another camp in Wisconsin to meet the demands of parents in the Mid-West. Because both of these camps could not accommodate all who wanted to enroll, a third camp was opened last year in Connecticut. And it now seems that even these three will be unable to meet the heavy demands from all over the land.

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Here is the opportunity to give your child the best in summer camping, —sites that are glorious, equipment of the best, direction and supervision by men and women of culture and experience. Above all, here the child finds Hebrew as a living language; everyone—counselor, waiter, physician, nurse, all speak Hebrew, and all endeavor to make themselves understood by the campers. Sports and athletics are indulged in in large measure, but there is also time allotted to study and discussion. And enveloping all this, is an atmosphere of ideal Jewish living which influences the child not only in his camping months but throughout the year.

Some of our Center children were campers at Ramah in the last few years. But we should have many more there. I earnestly hope that many parents will take these suggestions under serious consideration. I hope, too, that parents will not delay, but get into immediate communication with the office of the Ramah camps at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, so that they may be sure of acceptance and thus avoid disappointment because of the registration being completely filled.

*Israel H. Perutthal*

## The Fine Spirit At Our Annual Meeting

**D**ESPITE the bitter cold weather on the evening of Thursday, January 28, the large Auditorium of our building was well filled with interested and devoted members, who wanted to participate in the proceedings of the Center's Annual Meeting.

They sat in rapt attention, as they listened to the very interesting report of the year's activities, presented by our president, Dr. Moses Spatt. Those who were privileged to listen to Dr. Spatt, as well as those who will read the report which is printed in this issue of our *Review*, were and will be impressed with the fine record of achievements in every department of our institution. The report, however, is more than just a record of activities; it reveals the spirit of the men and women responsible for all that is being done in our institution. It is a

spirit of dedication to a sacred ideal—to make Judaism a living factor in the life of our community. Above all, it shows the spirit which has animated our president, Dr. Spatt, from the moment he assumed his high office. He has shown a fine devotion to duty, a clear understanding of the many problems which face an institution such as ours, a happy faculty of dealing with all the members and inspiring them with a devotion to duty, and the ability to win the whole-hearted cooperation of all his fellow-officers and trustees.

Under such lay leadership, we are confident that our Center will continue its high standard of service to our God and to our people which has won for it the recognition and praise of leaders of Jewish life throughout the land.

RABBI ISRAEL H. LEVINTHAL.

**D**URING the first week of this year, Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, the late Hitler's financial wizard, scored a great success when the Hamburg Senate withdrew its objections to his application for a license allowing the Old Fox to open a bank in the city. For nearly two years his attempts to return to the banking business were blocked by the Senate, but the defeat of the Social Democrats in last fall's elections at Hamburg (as in many other parts of the Bonn Republic) drastically reduced the number of senators who held that Schacht was "too dishonorable, unreliable, and untrustworthy" to open a bank. Earlier, the North Rhine-Westphalian Government had, in a moment of unpardonable weakness, allowed him to hang out his shingle, "Schacht & Co.," at Duesseldorf, but Hamburg, Western Germany's largest city (excepting Berlin, which is surrounded by Communist-held territory) is a much better place in which to conduct financial operations. By now, the wily Schacht has many million Reichsmark at his disposal, and his silent partners are said to include Ernst Schneider, president of the Duesseldorf Chamber of Commerce, and Prince Otto von Bismarck, a descendant of the 19th century "Iron Chancellor."

In this country, Schacht's new venture received big headlines in the major newspapers; Americans apparently realize that Schacht's bank will not merely engage in legitimate business, but will be used by the Herr Doctor and his equally reactionary friends for all sorts of political ventures, detrimental to democracy and world peace. Curiously, German papers did not consider "Schacht & Co.," worth more than a note. Indeed, during my recent trips through Western Germany I noticed, to my great amazement, that the majority of Germans with whom I talked, including many seemingly democratic elements, were grossly misinformed about Schacht. That only legal technicalities saved him from the rope, and that his moral guilt was as great as that of his Nuremberg co-defendants, is often played down, often unknown. In fact, in realizing how much these Germans were influenced by the Schacht myth, and how little they knew about the man's infernal machinations, I was reminded of old Artemus Ward's saying: "The trouble with the

world ain't that people don't know, but that they know what ain't so."

Schacht has one principle: to be top man, come hell or high water. When World War I broke out, he was deputy director of the Dresdener Bank. An "ardent patriot," he indulged in Pan-German propaganda, but remained a civilian, never risking his precious life for his Kaiser. Holding an important job with the Imperial Administration of occupied Belgium, he abused it in order to obtain privileges for his Dresdener Bank. Fired from his post in Brussels, he immediately received another position in Berlin. He was an "ardent monarchist," yet in 1918, along with the industrialist Walther Rathenau and the editor Theodor Wolff, he was a co-founder of the anti-monarchist *Deutsche Demokratische Partei*. An "avowed anti-Marxist," he nevertheless, in 1919, backed the Social Democratic Party in their election campaign.

Through the Jewish banker, Jacob Goldschmidt, he became manager of the combined Darmataeder and Nationalbank. Schacht boasts that he gave up this well-paying job for patriotic reasons: namely, to become Currency Commissioner, stabilize the German mark and save the Fatherland from bankruptcy. In reality, the powerful Goldschmidt kicked him upstairs to rid himself of an irksome colleague. Schacht, no doubt, efficiently stemmed the torrent of bank notes, but the first to build effective dams against inflation was not he but Rudolf Hilferding, Socialist Minister of Finance, later killed by the Nazis. When, in 1923, the important post of Reichsbank director was vacant, Schacht, the "Aryan" liberal, darling of the pro-republican forces, was appointed by the Socialist Reich President Ebert, over the furious protests of the Rightists.

In the beginning, in conformity with the Republican government, Schacht agreed to pay reparations; thereupon the Nazis "accused" him of being a Budapest Jew, Hajum Schachtl. Yet when the

## *A Report on the Machinations of The "Financial Wizard"*

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By ALFRED WERNER

nation veered to the right, Schacht promptly left the Democratic Party, partner of the Weimar Coalition, and then, in 1930, resigned from the Reichsbank, anticipating the fall elections' landslides which made the Hitler gang Germany's second largest party.

Was Schacht a Nazi? He was never a Party member, only a simple Ehrenmitglied, or honorary member, paying dues amounting to one thousand Reichsmark per month. If he helped the Hitlerites into power, this was done with the mental reservation of plotting against the hated regime from the inside! This explains, of course, why in 1931, he introduced the uncouth Fuehrer to the influential publisher Hugenberg and the Stahlhelm leader Seldte in order to form the powerful "National Front." This also explains the fan mail he dispatched to Hitler in 1932, saying "You can always depend on me as your loyal aide," and "We are trying to secure a large number of signatures among industrial circles in order to ensure your appointment to the post of Reichs Chancellor." A cartoon, "The Dictator," that appeared in *The Philadelphia Record* a decade and a half ago shrewdly exposed Schacht's role as a mediator between the politician Hitler and German big capital. Seated on a swastika-embellished throne was Fritz ("I paid Hitler") Thyssen, holding on his lap a somewhat smaller figure, namely Schacht who, in turn, nursed little Adolf, giving the Hitler salute.

But by publicly endorsing the new Pied Piper Schacht also won for Hitler the Man in the Street. "Why," the latter thought, "if the miracle man of the Rentenmark casts his vote for Hitler, it might be smart to do the same."

The Allied statesman in London, Paris, Washington, may have forgotten all this. Our Major General George P. Hays could not have borne these facts in mind when, at a press conference in Frankfurt, he declared that in view of the present

status of Dr. Schacht there was nothing to prevent his appointment to the West German government. Five years ago I met the old fox in the Bleckede castle, near Hamburg, where I was taken by a young woman reporter on the staff of a Hamburg paper who happened to know him well. I wondered whether this Junker who did not look his seventy-two years but a mere fifty, did not suffer from the same mental deficiency as his allied backers: amnesia. Being given a copy of his new book, *A brechung mit Hitler*, and eyeing the heap of manuscripts on his desk, I could not help remembering a famous French cartoon of the late twenties: cigar-smoking Churchill, seeing Schacht march arrogantly into the conference room with a bundle of memoranda under his arm, says to Briand: Strange fellow, that Schacht. A man who carries so many *memoires*—and has completely forgotten that his country has lost the war!”

When I politely reminded this “fish-blooded banker,” this “financier without conscience,” as a U. S. psychiatrist at Nuremberg characterized him, of his past sins, he temporarily lost his complacency, his Junker charm, his Teutonic humor. Put on the defensive, he retorted with “I was a fool, but I meant well,” subsequently trying to regain his ground with a counterattack: “I had been duped by Hitler. People should accuse me of stupidity rather than opportunism. The Social Democrats attacking me now have no right to do so; for they were as blind as I. Besides, it was their impotence which enabled Hitler to seize the power. I, at least, solved Germany’s economic crisis. I created work for the millions.”

When I interjected that in order to solve the unemployment situation he created a false prosperity by using the Reich’s last pfennings for rearmament which inevitably led to war, he became enraged.

“Why shouldn’t we have rearmed? Every nation rearmed as a logical result of the breakdown of the Geneva disarmament plan. Yet I tried to limit our rearmament and avoid a war of aggression. However, the minute I realized that Hitler wanted war, I resigned from the Reichs Bank and eventually from the Reichs Cabinet. Initially I had hoped to check the Nazis with the help of the

German nationalists. I had been betrayed,” he repeated dramatically, “but I never betrayed.”

Schacht’s penance and high remorse over “mistakes” of the past are only skin-deep. His self-assuredness knows no bounds. In order to flatter him and discover the full extent of his arrogance, I remarked that despite my political antagonism I believed that he, Schacht was one of the twenty great old men of post-war Germany, he harshly asked me: “Who are the nineteen others?” According to him, all politicians of post-war Germany, from left to right, are worthless, or at best, “honest nonentities.”

“They are the same blockheads,” he said, “who failed shamefully during 1924-1933. Then they were unable to bring prosperity to the nation. And now instead of calling it quits, they again try to rule.”

“But you don’t want to retire, Dr. Schacht, or do you?”

“I retire? Not at all. I don’t care to enter politics again, but I am ready to serve—along with the Allies. I am no ‘wizard,’ but I have a plan to get Germany, nay, the world, out of the economic crisis.”

He confided that he was working on a book outlining this blueprint. Briefly, Western Germany would, in order to regain her economic independence, require markets for its industrial output. Why not let German engineers and industrialists develop certain backward parts of Africa and Asia? (If this wasn’t the Kaiser’s *traum*, what was) Thus German competition in the world market would be avoided.

“Germany,” he went on, “must enter the family of nations. Yet we can be *Weltbürger*, citizens of the world, only if we are Germans first. We must not be asked to suppress our national feelings! As for Nazism, it is dead and will remain dead provided our economic situation improves. Needless to say, we’re not angling for a third World War—it would be fought on the backs of the German people, anyway. All we want is—prosperity.”

“Are you for planned economy, Dr. Schacht?”

“It all depends on the circumstances. I am a practical man, more concerned with practice than with theory. The

New Deal was excellent for the U. S. A. to get rid of her economic crisis. Though an individualist, I also consider myself a Socialist—though not a Social Democrat. Ferdinand Lassalle and I would have gotten along well.”

“Lassalle was a Jew. . . .”

Schacht reared up. “During the Hitler regime I tried to help the Jews as much as possible! Even the prosecutors at Nuremberg had to admit that I was not guilty of anti-Semitism. As for Germany, anti-Semitism had to be thrust down the throats of even the Nazi Party. Actually, there were no essential(!) pogroms before 1943 (?). Anyway, brutality and meanness are not the property of one nation. The American soldiers treated the prisoners at Nurem-

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### Emigration From Israel Decreases

A TOTAL of 1,155 immigrants from Israel entered Canada during the first six months of 1953, the Dominion Minister of Citizenship and immigration has declared in a report to Parliament. The Canadian Jewish Congress is preparing to consult with Michael Comay, Israel Minister to Ottawa, on this problem.

The total number of Jewish immigrants to enter Canada in the first ten months of this year was 3,178 as compared to the 4,271 who entered in the same ten months of 1952. This amounts to a 26 per cent decrease.

The United Zionist Council announced that 28 Canadian Jews left Canada for Israel during 1953. Twenty-one emigrated as Cholutzim for permanent settlement and seven to take various courses in Israel. Ten of the Cholutzim are members of the Hashomer Hatzair, the remainder are members of other Zionist youth groups.

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berg as badly as the SS treated the concentration camp inmates. Hitler merely systemized this brutality. I must admit that the German middle class ought to have disassociated themselves from the pogroms, even if they were unable to prevent them.”

I fired my last shot: “Dr. Schacht, you claim that you were unceasingly active in the anti-Hitler underground



circle. Yet there are people who question your claims. . . ."

Schacht laughed cynically: "I was my own circle. I did not join any of those overrated groups that indulged in conspiratory gossip. Goerdeler caused the deaths of hundreds through his lack of caution and discretion. For seven years I was a discreet resistance fighter—that's why I am still alive while the others are dead."

I took the liberty of checking on Schacht's boast that he had worked harder than anyone else to remove Hitler. As a matter of fact, a large portion of his memoirs is devoted to his alleged anti-Nazi activities. But the standard works on the German underground reveal a Schacht entirely different from the subtle, yet daring conspirator he characterizes himself in his *apologia pro sua vita*. An anti-Nazi editor who suffered jail for his convictions, dismisses Schacht by saying that he limited himself to occasional cynical quips on Hitlerism. Another authority asserts that the anti-Nazis never trusted Schacht.

In his memoirs Schacht emphasizes that he was jailed after the *putsch* of July, 1944. Yet in the panic following the plot, Himmler's agents arrested anyone having the vaguest association with the conspirators. And even in the concentration camps Schacht (who as Minister without Portfolio had remained in Hitler's Cabinet until 1942) received special treatment; at Dachau he was able to visit the Schuschnigg and listen to their radio. Liberated in Southern Tyrol, together with other prominent prisoners, he was shocked when, instead of immediately releasing him, the Americans reincarcerated him and eventually sent him to Nuremberg.

After the Nuremberg chapter, Schacht became a "commercial traveler" for Germany's big capitalists, and for the anti-democratic forces backed by some of the captains of industry. He was very glad to accept invitations from the governments of Indonesia, Iran, Egypt and Syria to help them straighten out their financial problems. We do not know whether these countries benefited much from the advice they received from him. We know though, that at a reception in Jakarta, the Indonesian capitol, at least

one diplomat had the courage to say what he thought of Schacht. Dr. Hugh Keenlyside, former Canadian Minister of Development, and now Director of the U.N. Technical Assistance Program, not only refused to shake hands with Schacht, but declared, quite audibly, that he considered him "a disgrace to the human race and a despicable scoundrel."

The medicine he prescribed in Iran was very simple: use your gold reserves to purchase capital equipment in Germany to build up industries based on Iran's material resources, such as oil, minerals and cotton; in addition, you must exchange your raw materials for electrical equipment, textile machinery, trucks, and Diesel engines produced in Germany. A German-Iranian trade agreement was signed. In addition, nearly four hundred German technical experts were dispatched to Abadan to replace British engineers.

Egypt, whose new dictator has surrounded himself with former S.S. generals, was next. For years German trade emissaries have been preparing the ground for the great Schacht. Ostensibly, Schacht had been called in to offer his advice on a planned agricultural reform (even the omniscient Schacht never

claimed to be an expert on agriculture), but actually the trip resulted from Egypt's wish to hand her rich market over to the Germans at the expense of the British and the Americans. Schacht advised the Egyptians to distrust Americans, saying that he hated "Americanization of trade markets . . . which causes damage to small nations." He was instrumental in the signing of a trade agreement with Germany whereby Egyptian cotton would be exchanged for German railroad equipment, industrial machinery, chemicals and fertilizers.

Despite his age, Schacht has not lost his joy in travel. Syria, where the new military dictator plans reforms modeled after the Egyptian pattern, and where former S.S. leaders are busy building up the country's military potential, has also been honored by his visit and benevolent advice on urgent matters. For a man of seventy-seven, Schacht can stand a lot of traveling. That he is a most popular figure in Franco's Spain goes without saying. It is in Madrid that Nazis and half-Nazis feel more comfortable than in any other European capitol. Madrid houses the German central organization linking the Reich—unofficially, of course—with all the Arab countries and with the Nazi groups in Argentina, headed by the former S.S. colonel, Hans Ulrich Rudel. Naturally, Schacht has his finger in the pie—more than a finger. In Madrid he meets with the notorious S.S. leader, Otto Skorzeny, who rescued Mussolini from his Italian imprisonment, and who, in recent years, using a Spanish name and passport, has been selling Arms to Arab states, preparing them for a "second round" with Israel. Incidentally, the wife of traveler Skorzeny is a niece of traveler Schacht.

Israelis have every reason to keep a careful watch on Schacht as he schemes to link the as yet economically and politically undeveloped Moslem world, from Morocco to Indonesia, to German technical skill. Such harnessing of an area, rich in manpower and resources, would have severe repercussions in the Middle East. Schacht is thought to be the very man who urged Egypt and the other Arab League states to protest in Bonn against the payment of reparations to Israel.

### UNIQUE MALBEN SHOW

**A**N EXHIBITION and sale of occupational therapy work, produced by nearly 4,000 patients and residents in hospitals and old-age homes under the auspices of *Malben*, Joint Distribution Committee program on behalf of aged, ill and handicapped newcomers to Israel, was held in Tel Aviv last month.

The goods shown ranged from intricately-embroidered blouses, produced by old Yemenite residents in *Malben*'s "Village for the Aged" at Ein Shemer, and woven fabrics made by partially-paralyzed patients, to woodwork, leather goods and plastic products.

*Malben*, which, like other aspects of JDC's overseas programs, receives its funds from the United Jewish Appeal, has already extended medical, institutional and rehabilitation services to more than 35,000 newcomers and cares for a monthly average of 4,000 in old-age homes, hospitals and custodial care centers.

*The following is taken from a recent sermon preached by Dr. Levintal at the Brooklyn Jewish Center*

**I**N the long list of punishments enumerated in the Bible, in the section which is known as the *Tochechab*—the threatened chastisement of a backsliding people—there is one that reads: *i'shovarti es ge'on nzechem*, "I shall break the pride of your strength" (Leviticus 26:19).

The Rabbis were puzzled by these words, and they asked, "What is the pride of our people's strength?" Their answer was quite significant: *elu boleos she'b yebudab*, "These are the great men of Judah" (Gittin 37 a).

Aye, this punishment has come upon us—the pride of our cultural and spiritual strength has been broken! Great and illustrious men who shed glory upon our people have been taken from us. Just a few months ago we lost Professor Louis Ginzberg. Six weeks after his demise death struck again at the pride of our strength and removed from our midst the saintly soul of Professor Alexander Marx.

He was the last of that remarkable group of scholars whom Professor Solomon Schechter chose in the formative years of the reorganization of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. First to meet death was the martyr, Professor Israel Friedlander, gifted master of the Bible and of Jewish philosophy; then followed Israel Davidson, who so enriched the field of medieval Hebrew poetry. And lastly, parted by only a few weeks—Ginzberg and Marx.

What a brilliant group this was—with Schechter as its crowning head! They were the *arze halevanon*, "the cedars of Lebanon", majestic in their heights of accomplishments, each in his chosen, specialized field. Truly we may say of them: "The giants were on earth in those days!" (Genesis 6:4).

I mentioned on a previous occasion the genius of Schechter in being able to recognize the potential greatness in others. Alexander Marx was only twenty-five years old when Schechter summoned him from Europe to become Professor of Jewish History at the Seminary. He met him in Cambridge and was immediately struck by his whole-hearted consecration to Jewish learning. Marx had just published his doctoral thesis on an important

Jewish historical work, the *Seder Olam*, and Schechter was impressed by the thoroughness of the young scholar's research, the painstaking mastery of every detail discussed in the work. He was fascinated, too, by the gentleness and sweetness of the young man's personality. He recognized at once the influence that this young scholar would have upon the American Jewish student entering the Seminary. And again, Schechter's judgment did not fail him. Marx's friends and admirers in the scholarly world grew from day to day.

Dr. Marx came from a different background than that of all his colleagues in that illustrious group. He alone was not an East-European Jew. He was born, reared and educated in Germany. He served for a year in the Prussian army. His parents mastered the German culture, his mother writing German poetry. His father was a banker in Koenigsberg, a man of great talent, and one of the lay leaders in his community. But both father and mother were steeped in Jewish piety and spirituality, and they had the highest regard for Jewish scholarship. His father engaged a learned East European Rabbi who came every afternoon to the bank, where, for an hour or two, they studied the Talmud.

It was from this Rabbi that young Alexander got an insight into East European Jewish life and also much of his Talmudic learning. His father hoped that Alexander would be a Rabbi, and indeed, he entered the Rabbinar Seminar in Berlin. But while he loved his Jewish studies and made great progress in them, he soon realized that he was temperamentally not suited for the modern Rabbinate, and resolved to devote himself solely to Jewish studies. He came under the influence of some of the greatest scholars of that age, among them Professor David Hoffman, who later became the head of the Hildesheimer Seminary, and took a special liking to the brilliant student. His daughter soon became the wife of young Alexander.

## *A Tribute to a Beloved Teacher by His Pupil*

# A PORTRAIT OF A SCHOLAR AND SAINT—ALEXANDER MARX

By DR. ISRAEL H. LEVINTHAL

When Professor Marx came to America to teach at the Seminary, he devoted himself to the subject assigned to him, Jewish history, a subject which he mastered and enriched by his many researches into our past. He tried to give his students not only the bare facts of history, but an appreciation of its beauty, its heroism and the idealistic visions which permeated the procession of the Jew through the ages. He was so conscientious a teacher, that even in his later years, after lecturing on the subject for decades, he would not come to the class without careful and repeated preparation of his lecture. He followed literally the example and admonition of Rabbi Akiba, about whom we are told that when he was asked to read the Torah portion he declined, even though he knew it so well, because he did not have the opportunity to first review it for himself; he quoted the rule, "No scholar should address words of Torah to a group before he reviewed it himself at least two or three times" (*Tanchuma*, Yisro 15). Above all, like a faithful guide, he tried to lead the student into the scientific approach of study, and to instill within him a love for scholarly research.

His crowning life achievement, however, went beyond his duties as teacher and master of Jewish history. Dr. Marx had the good fortune in his student days in Europe to work for several years with and under Moritz Steinschneider, whom Marx, in one of his essays, characterized as "the most learned, most industrious and most exact of Jewish scholars." This great savant not only enriched the entire field of Jewish literature with his prolific studies, but he was one of the world's great collectors of books. It was from Steinschneider that Marx acquired that love for, and intimate knowledge of books which made him the rightful successor of Steinschneider, and won for him such glorious tributes as the one expressed by



the great American bibliophile, Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach: "He is now recognized as the outstanding authority on the history of Jewish books not only in this country, but in the world. Europe had its Steinschneider, America now has its Marx."

Again Schechter revealed his genius in recognizing potential greatness, for he immediately appointed young Marx as librarian of the Seminary library. It was an unpretentious collection of books that the Seminary possessed at that time, only about five thousand volumes and a mere three manuscripts. Marx immediately set for himself the task of enriching that collection. With his rare knowledge of where important works were to be found, and where valuable manuscripts could be secured, he worked with might and zeal to find the benefactors whom he could interest to help him achieve his goal. His great passion for books was contagious, and he did succeed in impressing that love on many of our people, who helped to make his dream a reality.

Today, primarily through Marx's efforts, the library of the Jewish Theological Seminary has the largest and the richest collection of Jewish books and manuscripts in all the world—160,000 volumes and 9,000 of the rarest manuscripts. As one stands in that library one may say of Marx—as was said of the architect of a great English Cathedral, "Do you seek his monument? Look about you—here it is!" He was not only the builder of this library, but a lover of every book it contained. He knew all about its author, its contents, and when and where it was printed. His very life was bound up with these volumes. It was touching to see how Dr. Marx handled a book, almost as one handled a babe—with tenderness and love. To him a book was life, the living essence of its author.

It has been well said, "'tis good to be great, but 'tis great to be good!" Professor Marx achieved greatness as scholar, as bibliographer, and as researcher in many fields. His real greatness was in his goodness. Rarely is one privileged to meet so sincerely devout, gentle, sweet and humble a personality as was Professor Marx. There were a number of sages throughout our history who won from their generation or from later generations the appellation, *ba-chasid*, "the saint."



*An early photograph of Prof. and Mrs. Alexander Marx obtained by the REVIEW through the courtesy of Mrs. Marx.*

Professor Marx is worthy of that designation. There was a kindliness of expression that never departed from his countenance. Our sages pay a beautiful tribute to the patriarch Jacob. They say that "wherever Jacob entered, there entered with him *ruach gan eden*, the odor, the perfume of the Garden of Eden" (Genesis Rabbah 65:18). That could truly be said of Professor Marx. His winning smile, his soft and kindly voice, his warm interest in everyone, and his eagerness to be helpful and of service to a student, writer or researcher—to anyone seeking scholarly information—won for him the affection and admiration of all who were privileged to come in contact with him. Though he knew the theories of the most radical of Bible critics, and was well acquainted with the modern sciences, his religious faith and scrupulous observance of all religious duties—even in the minutest details—remained untouched. And despite the recognition that he won from the learned and the great, and the high honors that were conferred upon him, he never lost his humility nor his simplicity of manner. Of him it may truly be said, in the words of our sages: "Happy is the man whose day of death is as the day of his birth—who, just as he was *naki*, clean and pure on the day of

his birth, is as clean and pure on the day of his death" (Deut. Rabbah 7:5).

Despite his seventy-six years, he died in the very midst of his work. He had yet so much to do. He was eagerly planning to work on a detailed catalogue of all the manuscripts which the Seminary library possessed so that researchers could more easily get at their source material. He had many another plan in mind when, alas, death plucked him from our midst. It was on a Sabbath morning, and though sick, he was wrapped in his *Talith*. Just as he pronounced the *Shema*, God's kiss took his soul to the *yeshivah shel ma'alah*, to the Academy on High.

His death on the Sabbath may remind us of a dramatic dialogue between King David and God. David beseeched God to let him know the day of his death. "Lord, make me to know mine end! (Psalm 39:5)," he pleaded. God told him: "Thou wilt die on the Sabbath." But David replied: *omus b'echod b'shabbos*, "I will die on the first day of the week!" And the text tells us that he died, as God told him, on the Sabbath (Shabbat 30, a and b). What is the deeper meaning of this strange tale? God felt that David had accomplished enough in one's lifetime, that he was now deserving of a rest—a Sabbath after a life of toil and rich achievement. David, however, felt that he would die at the very beginning of the week, that he had yet so much to do before his day of rest. God's judgment as always was correct. Alexander Marx died on a Sabbath, as if to symbolize that in God's judgment his life-work was complete, that it was now time for his lasting rest.

When Hillel, the Elder, died, the Rabbis offered this lament: "Alas for this pious one, alas for this humble one—disciple of Ezra!" The same tribute they paid to Samuel *Ha-katan*, adding "Disciple of Hillel (*Sotah* 48b)." Thinking of the beloved Alexander Marx, we may pay him both tributes: "Alas for this pious one, alas for this humble one—disciple of both Ezra and Hillel!" Like Ezra, the Scribe, he helped to lift the Book to its rightful glory. And like Hillel, he too was a lover of peace, who loved all human beings and sought to bring man nearer to Torah—and through Torah to God.

His life will ever be an inspiration to all who admire real greatness and to all who love true goodness.

SINCE the creation of the State of Israel, that little land has been the focal point of technical assistance and applied expert advice, perhaps to an extent surpassing that of any similar area of land in the world. The need to extend agriculture, to build industry, to promote better living, has motivated the Israel Government to call upon the services of the world's outstanding talents.

Through the medium of the Technical Assistance Board of the United Nations and the Technical Cooperation Administration of the U. S. State Department, among other agencies, scores of such experts have spent time in Israel, varying from a few weeks to several years each. Occasionally there have been complaints that the advice of the experts has not always been fully followed, or even that their reports have been pigeon-holed and ignored. While there undoubtedly have been such instances, no one in Israel today can deny that a considerable part of the credit for the amazing progress made by the land in the six years since its establishment must be ascribed to these visiting advisers, who have given the young state the benefit of their skills and experience.

But the communication of expert advice has not been exclusively a one-way matter. A few of the visitors frankly told their new colleagues in Haifa or Jerusalem that there was little to be taught: the domestic engineers or technicians had themselves mastered the intricacies of their problems, often by the hard and cruel process of trial and error. Still, it was comforting to receive confirmation of their work from the distinguished visitors.

In a few other instances, it is reported, the imported experts, after surveying the scene, declared that rather than render advice, they would prefer to take notebook in hand and record some of the achievements of the Israelis, from which they themselves could learn. There were certain areas in which the Israelis, hungry for further improvement and more advice, were bluntly told: "There's nothing we can teach you. To the contrary, your experts should be sent out to teach your modern scientific methods to less advanced parts of the world." And thus there began a modest but growing program of Israel's newest export: experts.

## Israel is Now Able to Send Experts to Assist Other Nations

# THE BREAD ON THE WATERS RETURNS

By CARL ALPERT

As far back as the spring of 1951 Israel diplomatic representatives in Washington declared that their country was prepared to provide assistance to other lands in specified fields of agricultural or economic development. Drainage of swamps, soil conservation, utilization of salt-laden earth, were cited as instances.

The number of Israelis who have thus gone abroad at the invitation of foreign bodies is not large, but even the small number is significant, considering the present stage of Israel's own development. The promise for the future is even more significant, when Israel masters its own major economic problems.

One of the first of the Israelis to serve in this capacity was Mr. Shimon Tal, who was responsible in large measure for promoting the fisheries industry in his own country. At the request of the United Nations Technical Assistance Program, Mr. Tal was sent to Haiti in November, 1952, and a one-year program was laid out for him. As yet there have

been no public reports on his work.

At about the same time, Mr. Shmuel Duvdevani, one of the world's leading authorities on dew, attracted the attention of other scientists working in this field, and he was invited to go to the California Institute of Technology to assist the staff there in research in this little known branch of science.

Mr. Duvdevani had begun his studies of dew in 1936, and he propounded theories with respect to the value of dew in certain sections of the world as vital additions to the moisture supply for plant life. The riddle of why green vegetation remained alive in desert areas, such as Israel's Negev, even during dry spells of seven months or more, is solved by the prevalence of dew, he said, and he produced certain tests, now formally known as the Duvdevani Method, for measuring the amount of dew, and hence



*Dr. Nathan Robinson, Director of the Solar Radiation Laboratory at the Technion, Israel's Institute of Technology, checks apparatus measuring ultra-violet radiation of the sun. Reports of the laboratory will now be made available to the public through the Israel Meteorological Service, and will be useful to physicians and others interested in ultra-violet radiation.*

of ascertaining the moisture available for plants.\*

The prevalence of large salt deposits in Israel is perhaps responsible for the advanced research which has been undertaken in that country in this subject. When Ceylon, located in the Indian Ocean, sought expert advice on salt, that island turned to Israel and a team of four Israelis was sent there, again through the U.N. Technical Assistance Program. As of this writing, Dr. A. Tishby and Mr. J. Saidoff have been in Ceylon for a year, and are scheduled to remain for another twelve months. They have been joined by Mr. A. Tasher.

The Israelis were under the direction of Mr. A. De Leeuw, head of Water Planning for Israel, Ltd., and while he was reluctant to spare the engineers because of Israel's own needs, he recognized that his country owed it to the world to render help where help was requested.

As matters stand now, Ceylon, with an annual salt output of about 50,000 tons, will this year double the figure, and shortly reach a total of one million tons a year. The Israeli engineers had a dozen years of experience at the Dead Sea chemical works, and they are now showing the Ceylon Development Board how to obtain by-products such as potash and sodium sulphate. And the opportunity was also seized by the domestic government to extract valuable advice from the Israelis on drainage problems.

Foreign experts had been going to Ceylon for years to advise in various matters, but the *Ceylon Daily News*, commenting on the results of the Israelis' work, declared that "For the first time . . . the labors of industrial experts brought into Ceylon have borne substantial fruit."

Not all the contributions by Israelis have required long-term trips abroad. In planning its South Asian Symposium on building problems, the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Or-

ganization (UNESCO) called on the Technion's Dr. H. Neumann, Professor of Civil Engineering at the famous Haifa institute, to come to Delhi, India, to lecture on special tests he has conducted with buildings of tropical design.

Similarly, in planning a round-up on the latest research in Solar Radiation, UNESCO asked the Technion's Dr. Nathan Robinson to prepare the master world bibliography on Solar Energy machines.

In the field of medicine there are at least two Israel experts in the service of

perits to be invited abroad. Herzl G. Weizmann, nephew of Israel's first president, and himself one of the heads of the joint planning staff for agriculture and colonization in Israel, has been granted a one year leave of absence by his government to join the staff of the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration (ICEM) for whom he will help set up land settlement programs in several South American countries.

This list is by no means exhaustive. Many other Israelis have been summoned by educational institutions and private



EXPORTED EXPERTS

Dr. A. Tishby, I. A. De Leeuw, A. Tasher and J. Saidoff

the World Health Organization of the U.N., according to Dr. Sune Carlson, able and personable head of the U.N. Technical Assistance mission in Israel.

Dr. Abraham Komarov, of the Veterinary Department of the Israel Ministry of Health, is now working in Malaya on the problem of rabies, under a one year assignment from WHO. Dr. Yaakov Yoffe, worked on malaria problems in Cambodia, French Indo-China, also for WHO, and recently returned to Israel.

Press reports carried the announcement that a relative of the late Dr. Chaim Weizmann is one of the latest Israeli ex-

perts in other countries to render service in their specialties.

The full record should also list the many foreign missions which have come to Israel to study and to observe, then to take back the lessons gained at first hand. Within the past year there have been several such visiting delegations from India, and several from Burma. The Director of the Land Nationalization Program in Burma, for example, with whom we spent many hours, told us that the collective settlement program developed in Israel carried within it the solution of major agricultural problems

\* By way of a personal aside, it might be added that on Mount Carmel, where the writer resides, despite an annual dry season with not a drop of rain from approximately April through October, many trees and plants seem to flourish. The answer is in the heavy dew. Motorists find the windshields and windows of their cars thickly coated with it each morning. And if the local resident gets up before the sun begins its daily work, he will hear the steady drop-drop-drop of the water as it trickles down the rain spout of his house. Shortly thereafter, the sun dries up what the thirsty plants have not yet drunk.



in his own country, and he launched into a detailed discourse on the operation of the *kibbutz* and the *moshav*, as adaptable to Burma economy.

The above examples are perhaps but the first indications of a new role which Israel is destined to play in world affairs. A recent visitor to Israel, the noted Washington engineer, Alex Taub, told newsmen in a press conference at the Technion not long ago, that in its anxiety to build up its export program Israel should not try to compete with heavy industry

## AMERICANS AND THE LOST CHINESE JEWS

By LEO SHPALL

THE opening of the nineteenth century marked a new era in world history through the renewal of communication with the Far East. China, which, for centuries was isolated from the civilized world, came into contact with other countries. Christian missionaries went there and soon reports were heard regarding the existence of a Jewish colony in China. Various accounts were published and all of them emphasized the fact that this colony was in a state of decay.

The Jews of America and England became very much concerned over the fate of these Jews. In England, N. M. Adler, Chief Rabbi of the British Empire, dispatched a letter to the members of the Sassoon Company in China asking for information concerning the condition of the Chinese Jews and indicating possible efforts to help them. In reply the company sent the following statement:

"Sir, we beg to acknowledge the receipt of your much respected letter, requesting us to furnish you with such information regarding the Jews in China, and whether it would be practicable and feasible to send out zealous and able ministers for the purpose of teaching them the principles of their ancestors.

"In reply we beg to state that we are hardly qualified to satisfy your reverence on that point, regarding which ourselves, if not all of our neighbors, are quite in the dark. . . . As to our opinion on the probable result of able ministers being sent out for the purpose of recalling and receiving into the bosom of Judaism all such scattered brethren, we beg to state that little or nothing could be done unless such ministers are masters of the Chinese language, and have means to get into the interior of the country, where they may, by constant and habitual intercourse with the natives, meet with some of them, but this is, we think, also impracticable at the present time."

As reports about the obscure Jewish colony increased, Rabbi Adler decided that something concrete should be done. He communicated with Zachariah

Frankel, subsequently President of the Breslau Seminary, and Rabbi Isaac Leeser in this country, and both promised their cooperation. The *Occident*, edited by Rabbi Isaac Leeser, took up the matter. In a series of stirring appeals Rabbi Leeser urged the Jews of the United States to come to the assistance of their Chinese brethren, and he expressed his conviction that "the Jewish mind in America will not be so entirely selfish as to close itself against the appeals of religion and humanity."

Inspired by Rabbi Leeser's appeal, Rabbi Adler wrote that he considers it the sacred duty of all Jews to rescue the Jews in China "from the mental darkness into which they have unfortunately fallen, and which has almost entirely alienated them from the religion of their ancestors."

Dr. Adler then communicated with a Jewish businessman in Hong Kong who had connections with Shanghai and asked him whether a rabbi would meet with success on a mission to China. The reply was that a rabbi would not succeed, but would rather expose himself to danger because of existing unrest in the country. He felt that an association should be formed which would raise funds for the colony. Dr. Adler communicated with

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Dr. H. Neumann, Professor of Civil Engineering and Head of the Buildings Materials Laboratory at Technion.

countries like the United States or Great Britain. Neither must exports always be in terms of materials or commodities, he said. Skill, know-how, technical experience, were also vital to the opening up of under-developed lands, and it might well be that Israel would some day reach the point where its export of trained manpower might become a major factor in world economy.

The laboratories, work-shops and classrooms at the Technion, the Hebrew University and the Weizmann Institute, as well as the farms and factories of the nation, are even today training and preparing the scientists, technologists and other experts who will contribute of their knowledge to other peoples as well. Can it not be said that this is a modern application of the prophecy that Law and Learning will go forth from Zion?



A father and son of the more prosperous members of the ancient colony of Chinese Jews.

# NEWS OF THE CENTER

## Rabbi Mordecai Lewittes To Preach At Late Friday Services

This Friday, February 26th, at our Late Friday Night Lecture Services, which begin at 8:30 o'clock, Rabbi Mordecai H. Lewittes, Associate Rabbi in charge of our Hebrew and Religious Schools, will preach the sermon on the subject "The Story of a Pioneer." Rabbi Lewittes will deal with the life history of the late Moshe Smolansky, who is a pioneer in the land of Israel, both in agriculture and in modern Hebrew literature. We are certain that this subject will be most interesting and we hope that many of our members, their families and friends will attend this service.

Cantor Sauler will lead in the congregational singing and render a vocal selection.

## Advance Notice

Rabbi Aryeh Lev, Director of the Commission of Jewish Chaplaincy of the National Jewish Welfare Board, will be the guest speaker on our pulpit at the Late Services on Friday, March 5th.

## MR. AND MRS. CLUB

At the last meeting of the Mr. and Mrs. Club, held on Wednesday evening, Feb. 24th, the Speaker for the evening was the Center's own Dr. Samuel T. Markoff who addressed the group on the topic of "Hidden Treasure and Danger in your Medicine Chest." This discussion consisted of a review of common popular misconceptions regarding many well known patent home medicines and of the dangers attendant upon consistent misuse. Dr. Markoff also discussed many of the Old Wives' Tales which have been applied scientifically more recently, are now well known miracle cures and standard remedies. Refreshments were served and so ended a most fascinating meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Club will again hold an Annual Affair. It will be held on Saturday evening, May 22nd, so reserve the date and remember that each year we try to make our affair bigger and better. We hope that this year will outdo the

## Seminary Dinner Honoring David Spiegel

**M**R. DAVID SPIEGEL, a Trustee of the Center, was the guest of honor at the annual dinner in behalf of the Jewish Theological Seminary held at the Center on Wednesday evening, on January 20. A large number of Center members and friends of the Seminary gathered to pay tribute to Mr. Spiegel and to give him honor for the many years of devoted and faithful service in the Jewish community. Special commendation was given the guest of honor by Dr. Israel H. Levinthal who described his enviable record of service to the Center, the Community and to the Jewish people. A framed scroll attesting to Mr. Spiegel's efforts in behalf of the Jewish Theological Seminary and a token of appreciation from the Board of Trustees were presented to him by Dr. Moses Spatt, President of the Center.

Professor Sholom Spiegel, Prof. of Medieval Hebrew Literature at the Seminary was the guest speaker. Dr. Spatt extended greetings on behalf of the Center, Mr. Harry Blickstein, Center Trustee and Secretary, was the toastmaster of the evening and Mr. Frank Schaeffer, Center Vice-President, was the dinner chairman. Dr. Benjamin Kreitman pronounced the invocation and Rabbi Lewittes recited the closing prayer. Cantor Sauler led in the singing of the benediction and a program of songs was presented.

The Seminary campaign of the Center was headed this year by Mr. Frank Schaeffer who was assisted by the following co-chairmen: Saul S. Abelov, Harry Blickstein, Julius Kushner, and Morris K. Siegel.

others. Watch this *Review* and the *Bulletin* for further notice regarding specific plans and for arrangements to purchase tickets.

The following have applied for membership in the Brooklyn Jewish Center:

BEISHER, JOSEPH; Single; Res.: 2201 East 17th St.; Bus.: Manager, Meat Dept., H. C. Bohack Co.  
BERNER, MISS ANNE H.; Res.: 1164 St. Marks Ave.  
BERNSTEIN, MISS SHEILA G.; Res.: 957 Greene Ave.  
GLASSER, MISS FLORENCE; Res.: 1429 Carroll St.  
IROM, MISS SYLVIA; Res.: 257 Remsen Ave.  
KASDIN, PAUL; Single; Res.: 99 Dumont Ave.; Bus.: Teacher, P. S. 28; Proposed by Paul Kotik.  
NERENBERG, NAT G.; Married; Res.: 1281 Union St.; Bus.: Aluminum Products, 5315 Avenue N.  
REZAK, NATHAN; Married; Res.: 426 Brooklyn Ave.; Bus.: Contracting, 645 DeKalb Ave.; Proposed by Irving Mutnick, Theodore Bilick.  
RUBIN, MISS SONDRRA; Res.: 912 East 48th St.

SCHEFEN, MILTON; Single; Res.: 918 East 14th St.; Bus.: Real Estate, 26 Court St.

SCHENKMAN, IRA; Married; Res.: 446 Kingston Ave.; Bus.: Teacher, Proposed by Israel Kaplan.

SCHNEIDER, DANIEL; Single; Res.: 289 Empire Blvd.; Bus.: Accountant, 95 Madison Ave.; Proposed by Lawrence and Gerald Krevan.

SELDIN, MISS HARRIET; Res.: 2056 Cropsey Ave.; Proposed by Sheila Simon.

SINGER, MISS LILLIAN; Res.: 629 Ocean Parkway; Proposed by Sheila Simon.

VERBY, SEYMOUR; Single; Res.: 355 Lefferts Ave.; Bus.: Hegeman Farms Employee, 1660 Court St.

YOUNG, THEODORE; Single; Res.: 1183 St. Johns Place; Bus.: Butcher, 279 Albany Ave.; Proposed by Arnold Young.

The following has applied for reinstatement:

BLANK, SAMUEL J.; Married; Res.: 295 Ocean Pkwy.; Bus.: Real Estate, 16 Court St.; Proposed by Leo Kaufmann, Goldsmith Family.

FRANK SCHAEFFER,  
Chairman, Membership Committee.

# PAGING SISTERHOOD!

SARAH KLINGHOFFER, Editor

*The month of February heralds many celebrations of a patriotic nature; but there is a deeply significant event that is observed during this month, the spirit of which we fervently hope will prevail during the entire year—and that is the spirit of BROTHERHOOD. We believe that God, in His infinite wisdom, places a responsibility on citizens of all faiths to share the message of the universal brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God.*

*At this writing, the "Big Four" powers of the world are meeting in an attempt to create unity and peace among nations. Let us hope that as a result of their deliberations some order will emerge out of the chaotic conditions in which we now live; that a civilization will evolve wherein each society will refrain from aggression against the dignity and rights of every other society. It will take teamwork among all the nations to create this spirit of Brotherhood. Let us then, by practice and by precept, show the world that we Jews, a minority group ourselves, can maintain and even augment the doctrine of the BROTHERHOOD OF MAN.*

BEATRICE SCHAEFFER, *President.*

## General Meeting, January 25

Broadway came to Brooklyn at 1:30 on the afternoon of January 25th, somewhat earlier than is the custom for the divertisement of our meetings to appear. Since our "ingenue" had another engagement, her performance followed immediately after the social and refreshment hour, the singing of the anthems, the opening prayer read by Clara Meltzer, and Secretary Shirley Gluckstein's reading of the minutes. A delightful one-woman show, Mrs. Ruth Mondshein, proceeded to dance, sing and charm her way through a bubbling abbreviated rendition of the hilarious hit musical comedy, "Wonderful Town." Not a stranger on our stage, she has en-

tained our Sisterhood previously with sparkling interpretations of "The King and I" and "Wish You Were Here", sharing with us each time her unique vivacity and inimitable personal dramatic ability. Accompanied at the piano by Sy Robbins, and attired in a vivid red dress with shoes to match, she projected her vibrant little self, five feet two, for an all-too-brief half hour or so, depicting in dialogue, songs and dances of the saga of two Mid-western girls who came to New York City, the "Wonderful Town," to find success in the theatre and the press.

This was a prelude to an active business meeting. Reports by chairmen on current projects—The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies gala closing celebration at the Astor, our forthcoming Torah Luncheon, the "Chai" Brunch, the UJA campaign, the Red Cross, our Membership Tea, our advance dates, our "Sholem Aleichem" Theatre Party, Cheer Fund contributions, Kiddush sponsorships, and our Sisterhood Friday Night Service, and the drawing of the raffle for a week-end at Lesser Lodge won by Mrs. Louis Albert, concluded another stimulating and entertaining Sisterhood meeting.

## Cheer Fund Contributions

In honor of a new grandson—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blickstein; in appreciation of "Jewish Home Beautiful"—Mr. and Mrs. Sam Blecher; in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Halper; in honor of her daughter's marriage—Mrs. Ethel Umans; in honor of her granddaughter's birthday—Mrs. Max Zankel; in gratitude for winning Lesser Lodge raffle—Mrs. Louis Albert; in memory of Sarah Kushner's brother—Mrs. Mollie Meyer.

## Kiddush To Junior Congregation

In celebration of their wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Hausner will sponsor a Kiddush on March 20 for our Junior Congregations. Celebrate your *simchas* with our children on Shabbat. Call Fanny Buchman, PR 4-3334.

## Joseph Goldberg Memorial Forest

Sisterhood has purchased a certificate of twenty-five trees to be planted in memory of our late beloved Administrative Director, Joseph Goldberg. It is our hope that Sisterhood women will follow this example and mark his first Yahrzeit, this month, with the planting of many trees in this forest. Call Sarah Klinghoffer, SI 6-8252. Our Sisterhood will also honor his memory this year with the establishment of a Joseph Goldberg Scholarship for our Hebrew School.

## Thank You, Dorothy Gottlieb

With the campaign over,—the phone calls, the fine luncheon, the gala talent-filled rally,—and most of the monies pledged collected and in use already for beneficiaries of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, we herewith express our appreciation to Dorothy Gottlieb and her Special Gifts Chairman, Cele Benjamin, for their indefatigable efforts in raising a substantial contribution from women of our Sisterhood.

## UJA Starts 1954 Campaign

With an impassioned appeal at our last meeting, Chairman "Hershey" Kaplan urged Sisterhood members to "have a heart" and help the hearts of Israel to find hope and comfort in the fact that they can look to American Jewish women for financial aid. Make this an outstanding drive. Her co-chairmen are Mesdames Irving Halperin, Sadye Kurtzman, Harold Brown and Lawrence Meyer. Reserve Monday, March 1, for UJA Brunch for donors of \$25 and over. Place to be designated.

## Youth Oneg Shabbat

On Saturday, January 16, Sisterhood, together with the Hebrew School P.T.A. and the Hebrew Education Committee, arranged a delightful luncheon and Oneg Shabbat for the Youth Congregation of our Center. About 100 children enjoyed the event.

## Torah Luncheon, March 10

This year's Torah Scholarship Luncheon to be held on Wednesday, March 10, at our Center, promises to be most outstanding. Mrs. Rose Grayzel Meislin, chairman, and her co-chairmen, Helen Flamm and Bea Serman, have spared no effort in arranging a fine program and a delightful repast for the sum of \$6.11 per guest, all gratuities included. Make your reservations early,—your presence is evidence of your interest in Torah



and the furtherance of Jewish Education. Our "Chai" Club Chairman, Mollie Markowe, continues to add to her growing list of numbers, who, for the contribution of \$18 are invited to a Brunch at the Waldorf-Astoria on Wednesday, March 31, and are further privileged to be our guest at our Torah Luncheon,—and to bring a guest of their own, not a Sisterhood woman. It's your party,—do come.

#### Friday Night Service

The women of our Sisterhood will conduct the Late Friday Night Services on March 26, when a timely symposium will be presented on "The Jewish Woman's Contribution to American Life—A Tercentennial Evaluation". Panelists: Mesdames Hannah Jaffe, Sarah Klinghoffer, and Laura Lewittes, with Beatrice Schaeffer as Moderator.

#### Women In the News

Mrs. Hilda Chinitz will assume the duties of Recording Secretary for our Executive Board meetings, replacing Mrs. Dubbie Jackson, who was unable to continue.

#### Nominating Committee Functioning

Recommendations for our Executive Board may be made to Nominating Chairman Lil Levy and her committee.

#### Calendar of Events

Monday, March 1—UJA Brunch for donors of \$25 and over, place to be selected.

Wednesday, March 3—Membership Tea welcoming new members, at the home of Estelle Nelson, 1315 President St. Chairman, Mary Kahn.

Monday, March 8—Sisterhood Executive Board Meeting—1 p.m.

Wednesday, March 10—Torah Fund Luncheon.

Friday, March 26—Friday evening, Symposium.

Monday, March 29—General Sisterhood Meeting, 12:45 p.m.—Special Passover Program.

Wednesday, March 31—Chai Club Brunch, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

#### MR. AND MRS. CLUB

#### ANNUAL AFFAIR

#### Saturday Evening, May 22nd

Watch for further details.

Reserve the date.

## THE YOUNGER MEMBERSHIP

**WE** PRIDE ourselves in the reputation the Young Folks League has acquired over the years in raising funds for the annual campaigns on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal. We recognize that as members of the Jewish community we have a duty and responsibility to contribute to and aid in the support of this worthy cause. This year our Charities Committee has been doing a yeoman job in obtaining pledges. We have already held two cocktail parties which were well attended and the results achieved were most gratifying. The climax of this year's campaign will be at a rip-roaring extravaganza about the old Wild West in all its glory on the evening of March 23. Our members will be given the opportunity to make their individual pledges and contributions to U.J.A. Music, entertainment and refreshments will be provided. Any member who is unable to attend is urged to pledge or contribute to the 1954 campaign at his earliest convenience.

This year the Annual Convention of the Young Peoples League of the United Synagogue of America will be held at the Ambassador Hotel in Atlantic City, N. J., starting Thursday, April 1 and running through Sunday, April 4, inclusive. A wonderful program has been planned, including workshops, clinics and plenary sessions in keeping with the theme of this year's convention, "Proclaim liberty throughout the land and to all the inhabitants thereof." We feel that every member of our group will be vitally concerned with the decisions and resolutions that come forth from this convention. We expect to send our full quota of delegates. However, there will also be reservations available for a number of observers. Those of our members who would like to participate in this convention are invited to contact any officer or member of the Executive Board for further information.

#### Interest Groups

Oneg Shabbat—follows the late Friday evening service every week. Rosalind Zambrowsky and David Yawitz, Chairmen.

Bowling—meets every Sunday, 2 p.m., at Kings Recreation Center, New York and Clarkson Aves., Brooklyn, Leonard Krawitz, Chairman.

Akiba Study—meets Thursday, March 4 and 18 at 8:30 p.m. sharp. Max Wertheim, Chairman.

Music—meets Thursday, March 4 and 18 at 9:30 p.m. immediately following Akiba Study Group, Arnold Magaliff, Chairman.

Bridge and Scramble—meets Thursday, March 11 and 25 at 8:30 p.m. Lila Picken, Chairman.

#### Coming Events

Tuesday, March 2—Second in the series, "Great Names in Jewish History." Rabbi William Berkowitz, Assistant Rabbi of Temple Bnei Jeshurun, will speak on "Theodore Herzl."

Tuesday, March 9—Experiments in Hypnotism and other mental feats.

Tuesday, March 16—Third in the Series "Great Names in Jewish History." Rabbi Milton Arm of Glen Cove, Long Island, will speak on "Rashi."

Tuesday, March 23—U.J.A. Wild West Show. (See notice above.)

Tuesday, March 30—To be announced.

Refreshments and dancing will follow each Tuesday evening activity.

HAROLD KALB, *President*.

#### Sabbath Services

Friday evening Service at 5:35 p.m.

Kindling of Candles at 5:28 p.m.

Sabbath Services commence at 8:30 a.m.

Sidra, or portion of the Torah: "Vayakhel" Exodus 35.1-38.20.

Haphtorah Reading: Prophets — I Kings 7.40-50.

Rabbi Kreitman will speak on the weekly portion of the Torah.

Cantor Sauler will officiate together with the Center Choral Group under the leadership of Mr. Sholom Secunda.

The class in Talmud will begin at 4:50 p.m.

Mr. Louis Rivkin will speak in Yiddish at 5:05 p.m.

Mincha services at 5:35 p.m.

#### Daily Services

Morning: 7 and 8 a.m.

Mincha services at 5:35 p.m.

Special Maariv Services: 7:30 p.m., except Fri., Sat., and Sun.

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# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Delivered at the Annual Meeting Held on January 28, 1954

By MOSES SPATT, President

I AM happy to extend to you all a cordial welcome to this, the 35th annual meeting of our Brooklyn Jewish Center. It is an honor and a privilege for me, at the conclusion of my first year as your President, to present to you my First Annual Report. 1953 was, at one and the same time, a successful, yet a trying year; successful as to the scope of our day to day activities, which I am glad to report, did increase in no small measure; a trying year, however, from the point of view of Center finances. On the whole, this past year has been a most active one, and we all have reason to be proud of our accomplishments. It is well, therefore, that we should pause to evaluate these accomplishments, to review our general situation and to discuss our problems and how they may be solved. I shall try to be as brief as possible, and I trust you will give your undivided attention to these important matters.

## BALANCING OF THE BUDGET

As I have already pointed out, one of the gravest problems that faced this administration during the past year was that of balancing the budget of the Center. For a number of years, our income exceeded the cost of maintenance, and during that period we accumulated a surplus. But since 1949, with increasing costs and declining income, we incurred annual deficits in the operation of the Center. The deficits, though on a steadily increasing scale, were not sufficient to substantially deplete our surplus, but we have been obliged to expend a substantial part of that surplus for air-conditioning of the building and for replacing the sash for our stained glass windows.

I am happy to be able to report that as a result of this year's emergency Kol Nidre Appeal, and the sponsoring of an Opera Benefit Performance, to which you so generously responded, we were able to avoid the anticipated deficit, which was estimated to be \$40,000.00 when the proposed budget for the year 1953 was

originally submitted. This accomplishment was greatly due to the efforts of Mr. Max Herzfeld, Chairman of a Special Committee appointed to study the functioning of the Center. This Committee was divided into three subcommittees, as follows: one which studied Membership Integration, with Nathan D. Shapiro as Chairman; one which studied ways and means to increase income and decrease expenses, with David Spiegel as Chairman; and one which studied plans for an intensified Yom Kippur Appeal, with Judge Emanuel Greenberg as Chairman.

The income from the Kol Nidre Appeal was \$18,252.18 in pledges, of which \$17,352.68 has already been received. After careful consideration of the Center's financial position, the Board of Trustees decided to sponsor a benefit performance of the Opera "La Boheme" at the Metropolitan Opera House on Saturday evening, November 21, 1953. Mr. David Spiegel, member of the Board of Trustees, was appointed Committee Chairman, with Mr. Frank Schaeffer, the Center's Vice-President, Mr. Saul S. Abelow, a Governor of the Center, and Mrs. Frank Schaeffer, President of the Sisterhood, as Co-chairmen. A net income of about \$10,500.00 was the result of the benefit, of which \$800.00 was in donations.

At a general meeting of the membership held on October 29, 1953, a recommendation by our Board of Trustees and Governing Board to increase membership dues was submitted and accepted. It is hoped that the new dues, which are \$65.00 for family membership, \$45.00 for male members and widows and widowers without minor children, and \$30.00 for unmarried female members, will help enable us to balance the budget without the need to call upon our membership for additional contributions.

## MEMBERSHIP

Our membership as of December 21, 1953, numbered 1287 married members and 668 single members. This represents

an increase of more than 100 members over the previous year. It is interesting to note that the number of resignations was exceeded by the number of new enrollments.

I also want to report that during the ensuing year serious efforts will be considered by our membership committee, under the able chairmanship of Mr. Frank Schaeffer, to enroll more new members. It is understood, of course, that membership enrollment is a problem which must not be limited to the Membership Committee alone. All our members ought to make every effort to enroll as many of their friends as possible.

## CENTER ACTIVITIES

I am very happy to report that the activities of our Center during the last year were so manifold that I must limit myself to a short review of the highlights. The Religious activities have been conducted on the same high level to which we have been accustomed since the inception of the Center. It can fill us all with pride to know that our Sabbath and Holiday Services as well as our Late Friday Night Lecture Services drew large attendances. This makes us a source of envy of many other Congregations. The Sermons delivered by our distinguished Rabbis, Dr. Levinthal and Dr. Kreitman, and occasionally Rabbi Lewittes; the conducting of the services by our Cantor, Rev. Sauler, the choir under the direction of Sholom Secunda—all greatly enhance the beauty of our Services. The Committee in charge of Ritual and Religious Services, headed by Mr. Jack Sterman, works untiringly throughout the year, maintaining an atmosphere of dignity and reverence in keeping with the tradition of the Center.

The Educational Activities of our Center can be divided into seven categories, namely the Religious School, the Center Academy, the Institute of Jewish Studies for Adults, the Lecture Forum, the Library, the Center publications and the Youth Clubs. Our Hebrew School, which includes the daily as well as the



Sunday School, has reached a record enrollment of 388 afternoon Hebrew School pupils, 174 children in the Religious Sunday School, and 72 students in the High School Department, making a total enrollment of 634.

The Center Academy, a progressive day school recognized by the Board of Regents of the State of New York, reached a total enrollment of 125.

Thus, we have 759 children receiving their Jewish education at the Center. Mr. Julius Kushner, Chairman of the Hebrew Education Committee, and Mr. Albert H. Braun, Chairman of the Center Academy's Board of Trustees and their respective committees give unstintingly of their time and effort. Mention should also be made here of the excellent services rendered by the Parent Teachers Association of our two schools.

The Center Lecture Forum sponsored a number of fine lectures for the membership and the community at large, featuring outstanding speakers and roundtable discussion. Changing conditions, however, may call for revision of the schedule. These changes are being considered by the Forum Committee under the able Chairmanship of Mr. Harry Blickstein.

Our Library is constantly growing in the number of books in Hebrew, English and Yiddish, and now exceeds 10,000 volumes. The Library performs an important service to our schools, to our members and the community. On the occasion of Jewish Book Month, the Library and Forum Committees sponsored a Jewish Book Month Lecture delivered by Prof. Salo Baron.

Our Center publications, the monthly *Brooklyn Jewish Center Review*, the weekly *Bulletin*, and the *Center Diary*, are performing a great service to our membership. The *Center Review*, which is the only magazine of its kind published by a Synagogue Center, enjoys national reputation because of its interesting and stimulating articles, which are of the highest standards. The mailing list of our *Review* includes not only our membership, but also prominent leaders in the Jewish communities here and abroad. The Chairman of the *Review* Editorial Board is Mr. Louis J. Gribetz, and the Editor is Mr. Joseph Kaye.

I have advisedly included our Youth

Activities under the heading of Educational Activities of the Center because I feel that the program given to the boys and girls in our Clubs is of great educational value and affords an excellent training in Jewish living. We have this year engaged Mr. Hyman Brickman as a supervisor of Youth Activities. He has prepared, in co-operation with Dr. Kreitman and with the Youth Activities Committee, under the able leadership of Mr. Irvin I. Rubin, a most attractive program of activities. These have already attracted more youngsters than the Center can accommodate in its present facilities. We were forced, therefore, to turn away many applicants.

The Youth Department now has 12 Clubs with a total membership of 484. All Clubs are led by qualified and experienced leaders.

The Center Social Activities were highlighted, as in the past by the monthly membership socials, which drew large attendances. The most outstanding social affair of the year was a Testimonial Dinner tendered to my predecessor, Judge Emanuel Greenberg, in recognition of ten years of devoted and dedicated leadership as President of the Brooklyn Jewish Center.

#### AUXILIARY GROUPS

The Sisterhood, under the outstanding leadership of Mrs. Frank Schaeffer, conducted an extensive and notable program during the last year. The program always attracts record attendances. The Sisterhood work is not limited to the Center; its members perform valuable services for local and national institutions. Many new members have been attracted to Center membership through Sisterhood activities, and through them have become acquainted with the aims and purposes of our Center.

The Young Folks League, under the able guidance of its President, Mr. Harold Kalb, had a most successful season. Other Young Folks League highlights include the Oneg Shabbat following the Late Friday Night Services, and the maintenance of a "YFL ROW" at Synagogue Services. Our Young Folks League proves an excellent training ground for future community leadership.

The Mr. and Mrs. Club, headed by Mr. Arthur Safier, consists of young married

members. Their educational and social activities prove most stimulating, they attract large numbers and bring new members into the Center.

#### COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

The Brooklyn Jewish Center has gained wide repute for its leadership in the support of many local and national causes. We have always encouraged our members to actively participate in the various campaigns and fund-raising efforts conducted throughout the year.

The United Jewish Appeal has received this past year \$776,200.00 from 1411 Center contributors. This appeal was climaxed by a dinner.

The campaign on behalf of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies has not as yet been concluded. As of this date, \$300,000.00 was contributed by 400 members. A good part of this money was raised at a dinner given in honor of Messrs. Julius and Harry Leventhal, in recognition of their exemplary leadership in behalf of the Center and many other Jewish causes.

This year's campaign on behalf of Israel Bonds was highlighted by a 75th Birthday Reception in honor of Mr. Isidor Fine, one of the founders and a past president of the Center. Well over \$75,000.00 of Israel Bonds were purchased and credited to this event.

The annual dinner for the Jewish Theological Seminary of America was held only a week ago, in honor of Mr. David Spiegel, one of our Trustees, and an untiring worker in all phases of the Center and community activities. The result of this year's campaign is not as yet available. Last year \$24,900.00 was contributed by 376 Center members.

Another important aspect of our Center's services to our community is the making available of meeting space to outside organizations. I mention this tonight because I feel that this service is being provided at an ever-increasing pace despite the fact that our meeting facilities are already overcrowded by the activities of our own enlarged Center family. For example, the Eastern Parkway Zionist District #14, is using office and meeting facilities in this building. I do not want to burden you with statistics, but it is sufficient to say that this practice entails a heavy sacrifice on the part of the Center, for the revenue obtained from

the rental of meeting space in no way compensates for the efforts involved. Your officers are presently studying this problem.

#### NEW BUILDING

This brings me to another important step that is being considered by the Center's Board of Trustees and the Governing Board. I am speaking of the plans for the contemplated new addition to our present building, namely, the construction of a fourth floor, with an additional entrance on Eastern Parkway for the school children. In the light of the many activities previously mentioned in this report, it was felt by a majority of our leaders and members that expansion is an absolute necessity if we are to continue successfully with our work. It is hoped that we shall be able to secure the necessary funds for this undertaking, estimated to cost between \$175,000.00 to \$200,000.00, before commencing with the actual construction.

#### A VOTE OF THANKS

This, my friends, brings me to the end of my report. I regret that time does not permit me to go into further details. However, before concluding, I should like to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks and yours to all those who have labored hard in conducting the daily affairs of the Center. I should like to start by paying tribute to one who is no longer with us. I am speaking of our beloved friend and faithful Director of this Center for over 33 years, the late Joseph Goldberg. His work in behalf of the Center, and indeed, in behalf of all Jewish endeavors, endeared him to all who had the pleasure and the privilege of working with him. We shall always cherish his memory and his name will forever be enshrined in the walls of this institution which he helped to build. *Zichrono Livrocho.*

It is most fitting that I tell you of the fine job that is being done by our new Administrative Director, Harold Hammer, who had the unenviable assignment of following in the footsteps of the immortal Joseph Goldberg. Mr. Hammer, however, has thrown himself completely into his job and has labored day and night to become acquainted with the numerous facets of the various operations of our Center, and has taken hold

of the situation in a most capable manner. In the short space of time that he is with us, he has become an extremely valuable asset to the Center.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to my fellow-officers for their devoted co-operation and for their advice during my first year as President. They are Maurice Bernhardt, First Vice-President; Frank Schaeffer, Second Vice-President; Fred Kronish, Treasurer; Harry Blickstein, Secretary.

I extend my personal thanks to the honorary presidents, Mr. Samuel Rottenberg, Mr. Isidor Fine, and Judge Emanuel Greenberg, who have attended all officers' meetings, and whose guidance and counsel have been of inestimable value. It was extremely comforting to be able at a moment's notice to obtain the services and advice of the three past presidents.

I also wish to express my gratitude to the members of the Board of Trustees, the Governing Board, the Chairmen and members of Committees, the officers and the Board members of the Sisterhood, the Mr. and Mrs. Club, and the Young Folks League for their help in guiding the activities of the Center during the past year.

We are sincerely grateful to our spiritual leader Dr. Israel H. Levinthal, for his wise counsel and guidance and for the inspiration he is giving us. Rare indeed is the institution which has been blessed with spiritual leadership of the quality represented by Dr. Levinthal.

Our sincere thanks are extended to our Associate Rabbi, Dr. Benjamin Kreitman, for the cooperation he has given to Dr. Levinthal, and for the splendid progress made by all departments under his direct supervision.

To Rabbi Mordecai H. Lewittes, our Associate Rabbi in charge of the Hebrew Departments, I extend thanks for the most efficient supervision he has given to our schools and the Junior Congregation.

I am deeply grateful for the fine co-operation the Center has received from the following: Rabbi Jacob S. Doner, who conducts the Saturday class in Talmud; Dr. Elias N. Rabinowitz, our Librarian; Rev. William Sauler, our

Cantor; Mr. Sholom Secunda, our Music Director; Rev. Meyer Rogoff, the Sexton of the Center, and his Assistant, Rev. Samuel Koenigsberg; Mr. Robert Fox, our newly appointed Assistant Administrative Director; Mrs. Louis N. Lesser, the principal of the Center Academy; Mr. Leo Shpall, the head of the Academy Hebrew Department, the faculties of our schools and all members of our Center Staff.

Now, if you will permit a personal note: It is with a deep feeling of humility and a sense of responsibility that I accepted the honor of President of our institution. The magnitude of the office was a great challenge to me, inasmuch as I succeeded such men as Mr. Samuel Rottenberg, Mr. Isidor Fine, Mr. Joseph Schwartz, of sainted memory, and my immediate predecessor Judge Emanuel Greenberg. My degree of success in this office must naturally be judged by you. I am, and have been vitally conscious of the necessity of keeping our Center strong and vigorous, and I beseech each of you to take an active and leading part in reaching this goal. Our Center is a powerful force for good in this community and it must be kept ever so.

The overwhelming problems facing the world today are wholly due to the forces of evil arrayed against the forces of good. I have often thought that the oversimplification of our anxieties and problems would be a grave injustice, yet I may state that the peoples of the world have tended to lose their sense of moral values, and institutions like ours should do whatever possible to help ameliorate world tensions.

In the last few decades, there has arisen the belief that science and religion are necessarily at war; daily, we are obtaining proof that such is not the case. Religion often accepts the discoveries of science and finds nothing in them inconsistent with its tenets, and science similarly shows a religious basis for its findings. Faith and prayer, implemented by practical deeds, as God's messengers on earth, can, no doubt, solve all of our problems in time, and produce a happy world in which to live.

May God bless the members of our congregation, our people, our glorious country, America, and the fledgling state of Israel.

# SUMMARY OF EVENTS FOR 1953

## FRIDAY NIGHT LECTURE SERVICES

"Who is the Authentic Jew?"—Rabbi Kreitman—Jan. 2nd.

"The Challenge of the New Day"—Rabbi Levinthal—Jan. 9th.

"The Recent Progress in Israel"—Mr. Maurice M. Boukstein, Legal Adviser to Jewish Agency—Jan. 16th.

"Three Hundred Years of Jewish Settlement in America"—Rabbi Lewittes—Jan. 23rd.

"From the Heights of Scopus"—Rabbi Bernard Cherrick—Jan. 30th.

"The Rise and Fall of Totalitarianism"—Rabbi Kreitman—Feb. 6th.

"Side Lights of Europe—the Situation of the Jews"—Congressman Emanuel Celler—Feb. 13th.

"The Fortieth Anniversary of the United Synagogue—Its Significance for American Jewry"—Rabbi Kreitman—Feb. 20th.

"The Influence of Hebrew on the English Language"—Rabbi Edward Horowitz—Feb. 27th.

"How Rational Should Religion Be?"—Rabbi Kreitman—Mar. 6th.

"How to Treat An Enemy"—Rabbi Kreitman—Mar. 13th.

"The Role of the Jewish Woman in History"—Annual Sisterhood Service—Participants: The Mesdames Maurice M. Boukstein, David Farber, Louis J. Gribetz, Nathan Dvorkin, James J. Jackman, Leo Kaufmann, Jack Sterman; Mrs. Frank Schaeffer, Moderator—Greetings by Rabbi Levinthal—Musical program by Cantor William Sauler—Oneg Shabbat followed—Mar. 20th.

Concluding Service of season conducted by Post-Bar Mitzvah Class—Musical program by Center Choral Ensemble—Rabbi Levinthal and Rabbi Kreitman participated—Mar. 27th.

Opening Friday Night Service of the season—"The Role of Jewish Music in Jewish Life"—Rabbi Levinthal—Musical program by Center Choral Group under leadership of Mr. Sholom Secunda—Oct. 23rd.

Beginning of series "Our Cultural and Spiritual Heritage"—Rabbi Kreitman—"The Heritage of the Bible"—Oct. 30th.

"The Synagogue's Function Today"—Rabbi Kreitman—Nov. 6th.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATIONAL RECREATIONAL SOCIAL

Second lecture of Series—Rabbi Kreitman—"Human Nature As Revealed in the Bible"—Nov. 13th.

"A Tourist's Impression of Israel"—Mr. Nathan D. Shapiro—Welcome to Israeli Visitors—Nov. 20th.

"The Difference Between America and Americanism"—A Thanksgiving Message—Rabbi Kreitman—Nov. 27th.

"The Festival of Chanukah and Jerusalem's 3000th Anniversary"—Reflections on Both Events—Rabbi Levinthal—Dec. 4th.

Third lecture of Series—Rabbi Kreitman—"The Prophets"—Dec. 11th.

"The Recent Economic Conference in Israel With the Prime Minister—A Personal Report"—Hon. A. David Benjamin—Dec. 18th.

"Jewish Youth Evaluates Its Heritage"—College Students Welcome Home Service—Members of the Junior League participated—Dec. 25th.

## HOLIDAY SERVICES

Purim Services—Reading of the Megillah—Feb. 28th-Mar. 1st.

First Days of Passover—Mar. 31st-Apr. 1st—Sermons by Rabbi Levinthal and Rabbi Kreitman.

Concluding Days of Passover—Sermons by Rabbi Levinthal and Rabbi Kreitman—Apr. 6th and 7th.

Shevuoth Services—followed by Consecration Services—Cantata "The Ballad of the Jew" under the supervision of Mrs. Rose Rosenthal and Rabbi Kreitman—Musical Direction by Mr. Sholom Secunda and Naftali Frankel—May 20th.

Shevuoth Services—Second Day—"The Significance of the Festival"—Rabbi Levinthal—May 21st.

Special Baccalaureate Service for Center Graduates—Sermon by Rabbi Lewittes—June 13th.

Tisha B'Ab Services—July 20th and 21st.

Slichoth Services—Cantor Sauler assisted by Center Choir under leadership of Mr.

Sholom Secunda—Sept. 5th.

Rosh Hashonah Services—Sermon by Rabbi Levinthal—Sept. 10th.

Rosh Hashonah Services—Second Day—Sermon by Rabbi Kreitman—Sept. 11th.

Rosh Hashonah Services in Auditorium—Rev. Max Hoeflich officiated—Sermon by Rabbi Kreitman, 1st Day—Rabbi Lewittes, 2nd Day.

Kol Nidre Services—Sermon by Rabbi Levinthal—Sept. 18th.

Kol Nidre Services in Auditorium—Sermon by Rabbi Kreitman.

Yom Kippur Services—Sermon by Rabbi Kreitman—Sept. 19th.

Yom Kippur Services in Auditorium—Sermon by Rabbi Kreitman.

Junior Congregation Services during High Holy Days under the leadership of Rabbi Lewittes, David Weintraub and Robert Kritz.

Children's Congregation Services during High Holy Days under leadership of Mrs. Evelyn Zusman.

Succoth Services—Sermon by Rabbi Levinthal—Sept. 24th.

Succoth Services—2nd Day—Sermon by Rabbi Kreitman—Cantor Sauler assisted by Center Choral Group under leadership of Mr. Sholom Secunda officiated on both days—Sept. 25th.

Concluding Succoth Services—Sermons by Rabbi Levinthal and Rabbi Kreitman—Oct. 1st and 2nd.

## MONDAY NIGHT LECTURES

"Does Our Literature Mirror American Life"—Virgilia Peterson—Feb. 16th.

"The Meaning of Political Liberalism"—Sen. Wayne Morse—Nov. 30th.

Celebration of Jewish Book Month—sponsored jointly by Library Committee and Forum Committee—Dr. Salo Baron, Speaker—"The Cultural Reconstruction of World Jewry"—Dec. 7th.

"The Destiny of American Jewry"—Maurice Samuel—Dec. 21st.

## LECTURE SERIES

"Problems of Family Relationship"—Second Lecture—Dr. J. Sanford Davis—"The Psychological Aspects of Family Relationship"—Jan. 5th.



Third lecture of series—Dr. Mortimer Ostow—"Marriage Problems"—Feb. 2nd.

Final lecture of series—Rabbi Albert A. Goldman—"Relation of the Science of Psychology to Religion"—Mar. 2nd.

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Dinner arranged by the Brooklyn Jewish Center Friends of the Jewish Theological Seminary in honor of Mr. Maurice Bernhardt—Jan. 15th.

Annual Meeting—Election and Installation of Officers—Entertainment by Cass Franklin and Monica Lane—Jan. 29th.

Jewish Music Festival—Special performance by Center Choral Ensemble—Sisterhood participated—Beverly Somach, Violinist—Directed by Mr. Sholom Secunda—Feb. 26th.

Chevre Shas Siyum of the "Baba Batra," "Sanhedrin," "Shevuot," "Makot," "Ahodeth Sarah"—Rabbi Jacob S. Doner—Mar. 19th.

Membership Social Meeting—Entertainment by Jeanette Labianca, Coloratura Soprano—The Maginis, Master Magicians—Apr. 18th.

Passover Sedorim—Mar. 30th and 31st.

Participation in United Jewish Appeal Dinner—Harry Leventhal, Chairman—Apr. 23rd.

Testimonial Dinner to Judge Emanuel Greenberg, outgoing President of the Center—May 12th.

Testimonial Reception arranged by the Library Committee to Dr. Elias N. Rabinowitz, Librarian, on the occasion of his 70th birthday—June 4th.

Membership Social Meeting—Square Dance and Strawberry Festival—June 10th.

Participation in "Music Under the Stars" at Ebbets Field—June 17th.

Membership Social Meeting—Musical Program by Tomiko Kazanowa—Eli Mintz—Oct. 29th.

Performance of "La Boheme" at the Metropolitan Opera House—Nov. 21st.

Thanksgiving Dinner—Nov. 28th.

Dinner in behalf of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies in honor of Messrs. Julius and Harry Leventhal—Dec. 3rd.

Membership Social Meeting—Chanukah Program—Cantor William Sauler, assisted by Mr. Sholom Secunda and Center Choral Ensemble—Young Folks League Playlet "Seven Buttons"—Dec. 8th.

## SISTERHOOD ACTIVITIES

Jan. 7th—Participation in "Chai" Brunch for Torah Fund of the Jewish Theological Seminary at Hotel Waldorf-Astoria.

Jan. 14th—Participation in Brooklyn Federation Day Luncheon at Hotel Astor.

Jan. 19th—Meeting—Musical and dramatic version of "Wish You Were Here" by Mrs. Ruth Mondschein.

Jan. 21st—Participation in Federation of Women's Organizations All-Day Convention and Luncheon at Hotel Astor.

Jan. 29th—Participation in lecture series on Leadership Course.

Feb. 2nd—Participation in Metropolitan Branch Women's League Open Meeting at Jewish Museum.

Feb. 9th—Participation in United Jewish Appeal Workers' Luncheon at Hotel Astor.

Feb. 13th—Participation in Gala Israel Bond Luncheon at Hotel St. George.

Feb. 17th—Reception and Tea for new members at the home of Mrs. Harry Bertram—Mrs. Carl A. Kahn, Chairman.

Feb. 18th—Meeting—Guest Speaker, Rabbi Herbert Parzen of the United Synagogue.

Mar. 4th—Annual Torah Fund Luncheon—Purim Minstrel Show "Shushan Showboat" by Rockville Center Sisterhood—Dr. Max Arzt, Guest Speaker—Mrs. James J. Jackman, Chairman.

Mar. 9th—Participation in United Jewish Appeal Workers' Technique Meeting at Hotel McAlpin.

Mar. 23rd—Meeting—Sisterhood Players presented "Cup of Elijah"—Address on "Judaism's Contribution to Education" by Mr. Harry Blickstein—Mrs. Sarah Kushner, Chairman.

Apr. 13th—Participation in United Jewish Appeal Workers' Technique Meeting.

Apr. 15th—Meeting—"Jewish Home Beautiful" Pageant—Narrators: The Mesdames Sarah Epstein, Sarah Klinghoffer, Sarah Kushner, Edythe Sauler—Musical Program by Center Choral Ensemble—Soloists: Cantor William Sauler and Miss Ruth Koslowsky—Mrs. Carl A. Kahn, Chairman.

Apr. 20th—Trip to the United Nations.

May 6th—Participation in United Jewish Appeal Brunch at Hotel Commodore.

May 11th—Meeting—Sisterhood's Bouquet to Mothers—Tribute to Presidents of organizations, who are also members of Sisterhood—Election of Officers—Mrs. William Sauler, Chairman.

May 13th—Participation in Jewish Day for Blind at Hotel St. George.

May 14th—Participation in Brooklyn Division, National Women's League Spring Luncheon at B'nai Israel of Midwood.

June 3rd—Installation of Officers and Closing Meeting of season—Rabbi Kreitman, Installing Officer.

June 8th—Closing Executive Board Luncheon and Meeting.

Sept. 28th—Participation in Annual Succoth Party at Jewish Theological Seminary.

Sept. 28th—Opening Meeting of season—Greetings by Dr. Levinthal—Presentation of Musical Satire "Blizzard of '53—In Mittendrin Brooklyn" by Sisterhood Players—Mrs. Carl A. Kahn, Chairman.

Oct. 14th—Participation in National Women's League Annual Torah Fund Conference and Luncheon at the B'nai Jeshurun Congregation.

Oct. 19th—Meeting—Guest Speaker, Mrs. Marvin Potash, Director, League of Women Voters—"The Citizen's Stake in the Coming Elections"—Musical Program by Miss Annabelle Lee, Concert Opera Star, accompanied by Mr. Sholom Secunda—Chairman, Mrs. Ira Gluckstein.

Oct. 26th—Participation in Women's League Social Actions Conference and Luncheon at Jewish Theological Seminary.

Oct. 26th—Participation in Federation Luncheon and Fashion Show—Hotel Plaza.

Oct. 28th—Annual Mother-Daughter Luncheon Fashion Show by Martin's—Mrs. Benjamin Markowe, Chairman.

Nov. 4th—Hostess to Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations All-Day Seminar and Luncheon.

Nov. 23rd—Participation in "Night of Stars" performance at Madison Square Garden.

Nov. 30th—Fifth Annual Institute Day—"A Cavalcade of Creative Living"—Dr. Trude Weiss Rosmarin; Dr. Azriel Eisenberg—Rabbi Kreitman, Moderator—Address by Mr. Jacob Steinfeld—"Lyrical Links of Time"—a Panorama in Narration, Song and Dance.

Dec. 7th—Participation in Annual Women's League Chanukah Festival at the Riverside Plaza Hotel.

Dec. 9th—Participation Brunch—Mrs. Irving J. Gottlieb, Chairman.

Dec. 14th—Participation—First series of four lectures on "Advanced Speaking" sponsored by Women's League—East Midwood Jewish Center.

Dec. 21st—Meeting—Speaker, Miss Banje Feit—"Laughter and Tears in Jewish Literature"—Musical Program by Mrs. Mabel Berman, Soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Sonia Adler—Mrs. Sarah Klinghoffer, Chairman.

### MR. AND MRS. CLUB

Jan. 22nd—Meeting—Address by representative of F.B.I., disclosing the inside story of the department.

Feb. 26th—Meeting—Cultural program of Jewish Arts conducted by Rachel Wischnitzer Bernstein—Discussion on "The Social Significance of Art" with lantern slides.

Mar. 23rd—Meeting—Symposium—"Is It a Man's World?"—Rabbi Mordecai H. Lewittes; Mrs. Rita Safier; Mr. David Gold.

Apr. 13th—Annual Affair and Dance.

Apr. 22nd—Meeting—Film illustrated lecture on Investments by a representative of the firm Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Beane.

May 25th—Meeting—Lecture by Dr. Charlotte Levin Piuck, Psychiatrist, on case histories—Election of Officers.

Oct. 14th—Cocktail Party and Dance inaugurating the 1953-54 season.

Nov. 17th—Meeting—Guest Speaker, Judge Nathaniel Kaplan on "Juvenile Delinquency."

Dec. 17th—Chanukah Party.

### YOUNG FOLKS LEAGUE

Jan. 6th—Meeting—Discussion "The Jew as Portrayed in American Fiction" led by Michael J. Rosenfeld.

Jan. 13th—Meeting—"The Story Behind the Eternal Light" told by students of Jewish Theological Seminary.

Jan. 18th—Participation in Y.P.L. Basketball Game and Dance.

Jan. 20th—Meeting—Talent Night Program—Amateur Hour directed by Herbert Levine and Arnold Magaliff.

Jan. 27th—Meeting—Presentation of film "The Roosevelt Story."

Jan. 30th—Meeting—Hosts to Y.P.L. members from temples throughout the city—Sketch portraying the influence of the Young People's League on all activities presented by our own Dramatic Group.

Feb. 3rd—Square Dance Jamboree.

Feb. 10th—Lecture Series "New Trends in Religion"—First lecture "Psychology and Judaism" by Rabbi Albert Goldman.

Feb. 17th—Meeting—"Brotherhood Week" program—Speaker, Mr. Herbert L. Wright, from the National Association for Advancement of Colored People.

Mar. 3rd—Purim program—Discussion "Haman, Hitler and Stalin" presented by Rabbi Baruch Silverstein of Temple Beth-El, Boro Park.

Mar. 4th—Open Meeting of Nominating Committee.

Mar. 10th—Second lecture of series—Rabbi Harold Weisberg on "Judaism: The Reconstructionist View."

Mar. 17th—Gala U.J.A. Cabaret Night—"Gay Nineties" program.

Mar. 24th—Model Seder—Performance of "Eternal Light" script "Four Questions" by our own Dramatic Group directed by Herbert Levine.

Apr. 14th—"Bonds for Israel" Night—Guest Speaker, Dr. Herman A. Glatt—Crowning of Brooklyn Jewish Center Beauty Queen.

Apr. 18th—Rose Cotillion.

Apr. 21st—Meeting—Guest Speaker, Dr. Max Routenberg, Executive Vice-President of the Jewish Theological Seminary—"What is Conservative Judaism?"

Apr. 23rd—Participation in United Jewish Appeal Dinner.

Apr. 23rd—Participation in Y.P.L. Get-Together at B'nai Jeshurun Congregation with Senior League of that temple—Guest Speaker, Dr. Israel Goldstein, "An Off the Record Interview of World Jewish Affairs."

May 5th—Final lecture of series—Guest Speaker, Mr. Will Herberg on "Neo-Orthodoxy"—Hosts to Y.P.L. from temples throughout city.

May 11th—Social Meeting.

May 28th—31st—Participation in Y.P.L. Convention at Chicago.

June 16th—First of "Rooftop" meetings continuing on alternate Tuesday eve-

nings throughout the summer.

Sept. 12th—Annual Yom Kippur Night Charity Frolic—Proceeds to U.J.A.

Oct. 1st—Simchas Torah Celebration in conjunction with the Mr. and Mrs. Club and Junior League—Israeli and Holiday songs.

Oct. 4th—Fall Picnic and Weenie Roast.

Oct. 6th—Simchas Torah Festival—Folk Dancing and songs.

Oct. 13th—Opening meeting of season—Satire on "Dragnet" program.

Oct. 20th—Meeting—Commemoration of United Nations Day—Paul Kotik, Chairman.

Oct. 27th—Meeting—Pre-election Forum—Speakers—Leading representatives from each major party.

Nov. 7th—Participation in Brooklyn Youth Organization U.J.A. Dance at Congregation Beth Elohim.

Nov. 10th—Celebration of Jewish Book Month—"Author Meets the Critic" program—Discussion of book "In the Morning Light" by Chas. Angoff.

Nov. 15th—Participation in Young People's League Quartet at Jewish Theological Seminary.

Nov. 17th—Meeting—"Buzz" session—Socio-dramatics.

Nov. 24th—Meeting—Talent Night—Entertainment provided by our own Y.F.L. members.

Dec. 6th—Participation in Latin Quarter Revue in behalf of U.J.A.

Dec. 9th—Chanukah Masquerade Party.

Dec. 11th-12th-13th—Participation in Young People's League and United Synagogue Winter Carnival Week-end at the Concord Hotel, Kiamasha Lake, N. Y.

Dec. 15th—Meeting—First lecture of series "Great Names in Jewish History"—Rabbi Baruch Silverstein, Guest Speaker—"Chaim Nathan Bialik."

Dec. 22nd—"Cabaret Night" in behalf of Federation of Jewish Philanthropies—Champagne Dance Contest.

Dec. 29th—Current Events Group presented program—"Tensions in the Near East"—Guest Speaker, Mr. Michael Prager, Adviser to the Israeli Delegation—Paul Kotik, Chairman.

*The following Interest Groups were started and met intermittently during the season: Oneg Shabbat, Bowling, Music, Bridge and Scrabble, Roller and Ice Skating and Israel Dancing.*

## JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

(From Jan. through May, 1953)

Jan. 3rd—Inta League—Israeli Dance Festival.

Jan. 8th—Junior League—Meeting—Israeli dances led by Efra Wallace—Social Hour.

Jan. 10th—Senior Inta League—Basketball Game and Dance.

Jan. 15th—Junior League—Meeting—"Home Talent" Night.

Jan. 22nd—Junior League—Meeting—Discussion—"How Much Freedom of Inquiry Does College Age Youth Have Today?"

Jan. 29th—Junior League—Meeting—Presentation of film "The House in the Desert," followed by a discussion by Rene Rosenbaum on "Tu B'Shvat."

Jan. 31st—Joint Junior Clubs—Celebration of Tu B'Shvat—Assembly and Israeli movies.

Feb. 5th—Junior League—Monthly Social Meeting—Jewish Music Month program.

Feb. 12th—Junior League—Meeting—Commemoration of Lincoln's Birthday—Guest Speaker, Representative from National Council of Christians and Jews—"Brotherhood, the Ideal and the Reality."

Feb. 19th—Junior League—Meeting—Participation in meeting with New York University Cultural Foundation.

Feb. 26th—Junior League—Purim Celebration—Musical parody befitting the Purim Story.

Mar. 5th—Junior League—Monthly Social Meeting—Talent Show with group participation.

Mar. 12th—Junior League—Meeting—Discussion—"Choosing a Career with a Future for Our Times" by a Career Consultant from the Federation Employment Agency.

Mar. 19th—Junior League—Meeting—Address—"YPL and Its Role in Jewish Youth Work" by David Weiss, Director of Young People's League.

Mar. 26th—Junior League—Model Seder.

Apr. 7th—Junior League—Guests of Young Folks League—Square Dance.

Apr. 11th—Junior Clubs—Basketball Game and Dance.

Apr. 16th—Junior League—"Beat the Clock" program.

Apr. 18th—Junior Clubs—Showing of

film "Golden Bell" depicting "Life of Jews in North Africa."

Apr. 23rd—Junior League—Novelty Game Night.

Apr. 25th—Junior Clubs—Technicolor film "Destination Moon" presented—Social Dancing.

May 7th—Junior League—Monthly Social Meeting.

May 14th—Junior League—Nomination of Officers.

May 21st—Junior League—Election of Officers.

May 25th—Junior League—First of weekly "Roof" meetings continuing through month of June.

*A new Club Program was innovated under the supervision of Mr. Hyman Brickman. Following is a list of activities of the Junior League and the Youth Groups from Sept. through Dec. 1953:*

## JUNIOR LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

Sept. 29th—First meeting of season—Demonstration and talk on the Shofar.

Oct. 8th—Inauguration of Series No. 1: "Jewish Religious Values for Our Time"—Introduction by Hyman Brickman—Program No. 1: "Worship and Concepts of God"—Talk and discussion led by Dr. Kreitman.

Oct. 15th—Group vocational guidance program—Melvin D. Freeman, Consultant for B'nai Brith and Federation Employment Service.

Oct. 22nd—Program No. 2 of Series No. 1: "Kashruth"—Debate on the subject, "Resolved, that Kashruth is Necessary for the Young American Jew"—Morris Hecht, Moderator.

Oct. 29th—Election Day Symposium—Talks by Herbert Carr and Grover M. Moscovitz, Jr.—Questions and discussion.

Nov. 5th—Jewish Book Month program.

Nov. 12th—Movie Night—Israeli films.

Nov. 19th—Thanksgiving Day program—Presentation of Eternal Light script, "Thomas Kennedy."

Nov. 26th—Old Times Night—Social evening and entertainment.

Dec. 3rd—Hanukkah program—Ritual, songs, significance and party games—Modern dance recital.

Dec. 10th—Panel discussion on moral values and family life.

Dec. 17th—United Nations program.

Dec. 23rd—Wednesday evening—Vacation social and homecoming—Community sing—Champagne Hour, arranged by professional instructors of the Fred Astaire Dance Studios.

Dec. 25th—Junior League conducts Late Friday Night Service—Symposium on: "Jewish Youth Evaluates its Heritage."

## YOUTH GROUPS

Sept. 26th—Official opening of club season—Registration of over 300 members.

Oct. 3rd—Sukkot program—Get-acquainted games—Socials and parties.

Oct. 10th—Organizational meetings—Elections of officers and standing committees.

Oct. 17th—Inauguration of series on "The Sabbath"—First unit: "Biblical Origins"—Shomrim-Shoshana social.

Oct. 24th—Second unit on "The Sabbath": "Ritual and Symbolism"—Songs, quizzes, essay contest, workshop preparation—First meeting of new Herzl group.

Oct. 31st—Third unit on "The Sabbath": "The Sabbath in Modern Life"—Exhibits of Sabbath symbols; arts and crafts on Sabbath motifs and objects; workshops in older clubs—Roof dance by Akiba—Discussion by Tzofim on Israeli-Arab relationships.

Nov. 7th—Party night—Games, tournaments and socials—Ping pong tournament by Maccabees—Board games and refreshments by Tzofim.

Nov. 11th—Delegates attend convention of Metropolitan United Synagogue Youth.

Nov. 14th—Jewish Book Month observance—Exhibits, discussions, book reviews—Ice skating party by Akiba—Reports by U.S.Y. delegates on Nov. 11th convention—Kinereth-Shomrim social, preceded by Havdala ceremony.

Nov. 21st—Hanukkah program—Stories, songs, quizzes, dreidel games, arts and crafts—Story of Jonah in Tzofim—First meeting of new girls' group, Tikvah, resulting from division of Shoshana.

Nov. 28th—Thanksgiving program—Playlets, arts and crafts, stories, games—Kinereth project with copper foil—Presentation by Bialik of Eternal Light script, "Thomas Kennedy"—Shomrim opens chess tournament—Maccabees-Aviva social.



Nov. 29th—Meeting of U.S.Y. Council—Plans for pre-Convention dance and resolution to form Youth Council.

Dec. 5th—Hanukkah program and observance — Lighting of candles; songs, parties, festive atmosphere.

Dec. 12th—Party night—Games, tournaments and socials — Tzofim-Shoshana social — Amateur night by Maccabees — Dance in gymnasium sponsored by U.S.Y. groups.

Dec. 19th—Plans for winter vacation trips — Elections of delegates to U.S.Y. Convention in Atlantic City—Shomrim-Tikvah party—Discussion by Maccabees (the youngest boys' club): "Does Russia Have the Hydrogen Bomb?"—Saturday afternoon Oneg Shabbat Group formally organized.

Dec. 26th—Movie night: "Sons of Liberty," a film about Haym Solomon, starring Claude Rains, and selected short subjects — Reception tendered by Youth Activities Committee to delegates to U.S.Y. Convention; presentation of credentials.

Dec. 28th—Delegation of 16 boys and girls attend 3-day convention of United Synagogue Youth at Atlantic City.

Dec. 27th-31st—Trips and outings to places of interest in and around New York.

## PHYSICAL TRAINING COMMITTEE

### BASKETBALL GAMES

B.J.C. vs. Williamsburg Y.M.H.A. — Jan. 4th.

B.J.C. vs. Jewish Community House of Bensonhurst—Jan. 11th.

B.J.C. vs. Union Temple—Jan. 18th.

### BAR MITZVAHS

Robert Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Gurfeld—Jan. 10th.

Ellwin Fischbach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernhard Fischbach—Jan. 24th.

Simon Hecht, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Hecht—Jan. 24th.

Sidney Rosenberg, son of Dr. and Mrs. Lester Rosenberg—Feb. 7th.

Bennett Roth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irv. Roth—Feb. 14th.

Stephen R. Uberman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Uberman—Feb. 14th.

Michael Rosen, son of Mr. Harvey Rosen—Feb. 14th.

Elihu H. Leifer, son of Dr. and Mrs. Aaron Leifer—Feb. 21st.

Melvin R. Greenberg, son of Mr. and

Mrs. George Greenberg—Feb. 21st.

Stephen Michael Sonnenberg, son of Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Sonnenberg—Feb. 28th.

Howard Zev Bau, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bau—Mar. 7th.

Charles Stein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stein—Mar. 21st.

A. Seth Greenwald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Greenwald—Mar. 28th.

Robert Stephen Sparer, son of Dr. and Mrs. Irvin I. Sparer—Apr. 11th.

Leonard Rudnick, son of Mrs. Lillian Rudnick—Apr. 18th.

Bernard Aaron Kershner, son of Dr. and Mrs. David Kershner—Apr. 25th.

Peter Sokolow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Sokolow—Apr. 25th.

Martin David Schwam, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Schwam—May 2nd.

Arthur Lewis Kaplan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Kaplan—May 9th.

Harold Karp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Karp—May 23rd.

Arthur Leslie Silber, son of Dr. and Mrs. Maury Silber—May 30th.

David Aaron Levy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Levy—June 6th.

Seth Neil Leibler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore H. Leibler—June 6th.

Joel Myron Pokorny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pokorny—June 13th.

Michael Stollar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph P. Stollar—June 20th.

Samuel Louis Fenichel, son of Dr. and Mrs. Nathan Fenichel—June 20th.

Richard David Feinman, son of Dr. and Mrs. Max L. Feinman—June 27th.

Barry Heller, son of Dr. and Mrs. David Heller—Sept. 26th.

Gerard Dolgin Post, son of Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Post—Oct. 3rd.

Peter Michael Benin, son of Dr. Harry Benin—Oct. 17th.

Burton Charles Weitzman, son of Mrs. Samuel Weitzman—Oct. 17th.

Lawrence David Horowitz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Horowitz—Oct. 31st.

Leonard Elliott and Jerome Harvey Majzlin, twin sons of Dr. and Mrs. Gregory Majzlin—Nov. 7th.

Bernard Zucker, son of Mrs. Nathan Zucker—Nov. 14th.

Douglas Kriegel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kriegel—Nov. 14th.

Richard Tascandi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Tascandi—Nov. 21st.

Leonard Messinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Messinger—Dec. 12th.

Barry L. Beckerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Beckerman—Dec. 19th.

Joel Howard Black, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Black—Dec. 26th.

Barry Bernard Levine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan L. Levine—Dec. 26th.

## HEBREW AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Jan. 25th — High School Community Breakfast.

Feb. 1st—Tu Bishvat celebration.

Feb. 4th — Meet-the-Faculty P.T.A.

Meeting.

Feb. 26th—Reading of Megillah.

Mar. 1st—Purim Entertainment.

Mar. 8th—Community Breakfast.

Mar. 20th—Post Bar Mitzvah Late Friday Night Service.

Mar. 26th—Model Seder.

Apr. 4th—Junior Congregation Service in Main Synagogue.

Apr. 20th — Israeli Independence Day Celebration.

Apr. 26th—U.J.A. Film Festival.

May 3rd — Parent-Child Community Breakfast—Speaker, Miss Lillie Rubee—Subject, "What Shall we Teach about Israel?"

May 4th and 5th—Lag B'Omer Athletic Events.

May 20th—Consecration Exercises.

June 13th—Baccalaureate Service.

June 14th—Graduation Exercises.

June 22nd—End-term Faculty Party.

Sept. 10th—Rosh Ha-Shanah Service—Junior Congregation and Children's Congregation.

Sept. 13th — Opening of Hebrew School.

Sept. 20th—Opening of High School Department.

Sept. 27th—Opening of Sunday School and 2-Day-a-Week Department.

Oct. 1st—Simchat Torah Procession.

Oct. 27th — P.T.A. Meeting — Mr. Henry Goldberg, Speaker.

Nov. 8th—Hagigat Breshith.

Nov. 15th — Community Breakfast—Speaker, Mr. Leo Shpall—Subject, "How Can We Encourage our Students to Read Jewish Books?"

Dec. 2nd—P.T.A. Meeting — Speaker, Mr. Elias Gilner—Subject, "Jewish Books and the Jewish Home."

Dec. 6th—Hanukkah Entertainment.

Dec. 20th — Community Breakfast —

Speaker, Mr. Albert Kaminsky—Subject, "What Shall be our Attitude to the Arab-Israeli Conflict?"

Dec. 28th—Faculty-Parent Conference on "Home-School Cooperation."

## HEBREW EDUCATION COMMITTEE

(a) INSTITUTE OF JEWISH STUDIES FOR ADULTS.

Dr. Israel H. Levinthal, Director.

Dr. Benjamin Kreitman, Associate Director.

Mrs. E. N. Rabinowitz, Registrar.

Hebrew A-1: Wednesday evenings, 8 to 9, Mr. David Slominsky, Instructor.

Hebrew A-2: Wednesday evenings, 9 to 10, Mr. David Slominsky, Instructor.

Hebrew B: Wednesday evenings, 8 to 9, Mr. Aaron Krumbein, Instructor.

Hebrew C: Wednesday evenings, 8 to 9, Mrs. Jean Beder, Instructor.

Advanced Hebrew and Bible: Wednesday evenings, 8 to 9:30, Mrs. Nehama Cohen, Instructor.

Hebrew A: Monday mornings, 10 to 11:30, Mrs. Evelyn Zusman, Instructor.

Hebrew B: Thursday mornings, 10 to 11, Mrs. Evelyn Zusman, Instructor.

Hebrew C: Thursday mornings, 11 to 12, Mrs. Evelyn Zusman, Instructor.

Religion: Wednesday evenings, 9 to 10, Dr. Benjamin Kreitman, Instructor.

History: Wednesday evenings, 7 to 8, Mr. Leo Shpall, Instructor.

Philosophy of Jewish Religion: Tuesday mornings, 10 to 12, Dr. M. Freedman, Instructor.

(b) JUNIOR CONGREGATION.

The children of the Hebrew School and Center members meet every Saturday morning and during holidays, in the Beth Hamidrash. Sermons are delivered by the members of the Hebrew School faculty and guest speakers. High Holy Day services for the Junior Congregation are held during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

(c) CHILDREN'S CONGREGATION.

Special services are held each Sabbath for children below the age of 10. The Children's Congregation also meets during the High Holy Days. The teacher in charge is Mrs. Evelyn Zusman.

## HEBREW RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

1. BETH-SEFER IVRI (HEBREW SCHOOL):

The upper grades meet on Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00-6:00 P.M. and on Sunday from 9:40-11:30 A.M. The

lower grades meet on Monday and on Wednesday from 4:00-6:00 P.M. and on Sunday from 11:30-1:00 P.M. The curriculum, which covers six years of work, includes Hebrew conversation, Humash, Siddur, Hebrew literature, Jewish history, Jewish current events and Hebrew songs.

Boys older than 10 are not admitted to the beginners' class.

2. SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Classes from 1st to 4th grade meet on Sunday from 10:00-12:00 A.M. Beginning with the 5th grade, girls attend one afternoon a week in addition to Sunday morning.

3. HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:

(a) *Florence Marshall Hebrew High School*. Graduates of the Hebrew School and the Center Academy are eligible to join this school, a branch of which meets three times weekly in the Brooklyn Jewish Center. The course covers four years of intensive work in Tanach, Hebrew and history.

(b) *Post Bar Mitzvah Fellowship*. Students continue their studies for a two-year period beyond Bar Mitzvah. In addition to their study of history and Bible, the students conduct morning services on Sunday in conjunction with the community breakfasts arranged by the Parent-Teachers Association. The last late Friday night service of the year is devoted to the graduates of this group.

(c) *Consecration Class*. Graduates of the Hebrew School, Center Academy and Sunday School are eligible to join the Consecration class which meets on Sunday morning. Consecration exercises are held on the first day of Shavuoth.

(d) *Post-Graduate Class*. This is a two-year extension course in Tanach and Hebrew for graduates of the Hebrew School and Academy. Students meet for a three-hour session on Sunday morning.

(e) *Senior Group*. Upper grade high school students who have completed a preliminary course may enroll in this group which meets on Sunday morning for the study of Jewish ethics and current problems. This is a two-year course.

## HEBREW SCHOOL FACULTY

Dr. Israel H. Levinthal *Director*

Rabbi Mordecai H. Lewittes *Principal*

Mrs. E. N. Rabinowitz *Registrar*

Mr. David Weintraub *Music Instructor*

Mrs. Jean Serbin-Beder, Mr. Hyman

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL FACULTY

Mrs. Mimi Alter, Miss Helen Aronow, Mr. Morton Bromberg, Miss Tobia Brown, Mrs. Rebecca Greenseid, Mr. Jacob Grumet, Mr. Samuel Klein, Mrs. Dorothy Ross, Mrs. Rose Rosenthal, Mr. Nathan Savitsky, Mrs. Selma Shacknai, Mrs. Ganya Spinrad, Mr. Albert Kaminsky, Mr. David Pineles.

### Saturday Afternoon Class

Meets every Saturday afternoon throughout the season. Lectures in Yiddish by Rabbi Gerson Abelson and guest speakers.

### Class In Talmud

Class in Talmud meets Saturday afternoon throughout the year. Rabbi Jacob S. Doner, Instructor.

## CENTER ACADEMY ACTIVITIES

Jan. 15th — Beginning of March of Dimes Drive—Under auspices of Student Council of the Center Academy.

Jan. 21st — Center Academy Square Dance—Sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association.

Jan. 30th — Tu B'Shevat Assembly — Musical Programme, Israeli movie shown —Distribution of fruits to commemorate the holiday.

Feb. 12th—Lincoln's Birthday celebration—Play presented by Grade VII entitled "What Lincoln Believed," followed by parents' luncheon — Student Council conducted auctions in each grade, attended by parents and students.

Feb. 18th — P.T.A. Meeting — Film, "Passion For Life," shown — Discussion followed the showing of the film.

Feb. 20th—Upper School Assembly—Miss Gloria Hoffman, author of "Home At Last," addressed assembly on Life in Israel of two immigrant children who are the characters in her story.

Feb. 27th—Traditional Purim Celebration—Reading of Megillah by Mr. Meyer Rogoff—Costumes, singing and dancing —Exchange of Shalach Monot (gifts).

Mar. 12th—Parent-and-Teacher classroom meeting—An evaluation of the aims and goals as set up in the previous October classroom meeting.

Mar. 18th—Opening of annual exhibit

by children of Center Academy at Jewish Museum under the auspices of the Jewish Education Committee.

Mar. 25th—Passover Seder conducted by pupils of Grade VIII—All grades participating.

Apr. 22nd—Regular Meeting of P.T.A.—Dance group performed Israel dances.

Apr. 24th—Assembly—Israeli "Independence Day" celebration—Recitations and musical program—A film entitled "Journey to Israel" was shown.

May 4th—Lag B'Omer picnic for all grades—A gala fete was arranged by Mr. Barney Ain in Prospect Park—Mr. Ain is a Center Academy parent.

May 13th—Annual Theater party—"The Fifth Season" with Menashe Skulnick.

May 27th—P.T.A. Meeting—Address by Rabbi Israel H. Levinthal.

June 10th—Graduation Exercises—Presentation of diplomas by Rabbi Israel H. Levinthal.

June 12th—School closed for Summer holiday.

Sept. 14th—School reopened for year 1953-54.

Sept. 28th—Succoth festivity celebration on the roof of the Jewish Center in the Succah—Highlighted by prayers and singing of songs characteristic of the Succoth holiday—Fruits and other refreshments served.

Sept. 29th—P.T.A. meeting—Theme, "Home and School Cooperation"—Mrs. Pearl Merrill, President of Brooklyn Child Guidance Bureau—Speaker and moderator.

Oct. 6th—Tea for new mothers of the Center Academy under the auspices of the Executive Board of the P.T.A.

Oct. 21st—P.T.A. meeting—Classroom meeting for parents and teachers—Topic, "Aims and Goals of School Year, 1953-54."

Oct. 28th—Eighth Grade trip to United Nations Headquarters and other sites of significance to their unit on the study of the United Nations.

Nov. 11th—Armistice Day celebration—Grade IV through VIII participated—There were songs and dances of different nations.

Nov. 17th—P.T.A. Book Exhibit in honor of Jewish Book Month—Arranged by Grade VIII under the supervision of Mr. Leo Shpall, Head of the Hebrew De-

partment—Sale of books followed—A Chanukah table was arranged by Mrs. William Sauler—There was community singing under the direction of Miss Gladys Gewirtz—Cantor William Sauler rendered vocal selections.

Dec. 2nd—Chanukah celebration—Lighting of candles—Hebrew play presented by Grade VII—Songs and dances by Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades—Potato pancakes were enjoyed at lunch—Gifts were distributed to all the children.

Dec. 9th—P.T.A. Meeting—A film in the field of mental health was shown, followed by questions and group discussions.

The following is a list of the faculty of the Center Academy:

*Director*—Mrs. Anna S. Lesser; Marilyn Newman, Ruth Lane, Harriet Levine, Gloria Krulik, Mildred Bressler, Kathryn Greenwood, Marvin Weitz, Hilda Gelber, Albert Slot. *Hebrew Staff: Head of Department*—Mr. Leo Shpall; Miss Ruth Weiner, Mr. Daniel Greenstein, Mr. Fishel Katznelson. *Art*—Mr. Louis Harris. *Music*—Miss Gladys Gewirtz.

## CENTER CLUBS

MR. AND MRS. CLUB—Young married members. Social and cultural activities. Meets monthly.

YOUNG FOLKS' LEAGUE—Unmarried Center members as well as children of members, men over 21 years and girls over 18 years. Meets weekly.

JUNIOR LEAGUE—Young men and young girls of college age. Meets every Thursday night. Mr. Hyman Brickman, Leader.

Clubs for boys under 14, meet every Saturday night and follow a program of athletic, cultural and social activities:

MACCABEES—Daniel Pressner, Leader.

TZOEFIM—William Rosenthal, Leader.

SHOMRIM—Martin Seiden, Leader.

Clubs for girls under 13, meet every Saturday night for cultural and social activities, with gymnasium and pool once a month:

AVIVA—Henrietta Askowitz, Leader.

SHOSHANA—Irene Pressner, Leader.

TIKVAH—Rosalie Denker, Leader.

Club, for girls 13-14, meets every Saturday night and follows an appropriate program of activities stressing social adjustment and arts and crafts.

KINERETH—Joan Gewirtz, Leader.

Clubs, all co-ed and affiliated with United Synagogue Youth, meet every Saturday night and follow activities planned by the Center and the National U.S.Y.:

AKIBA—Arthur Gewirtz, Leader.

HERZL—Robert Kritz, Leader.

BIALIK—Joseph Yoshor, Leader.

ONEG SHABBAT GROUP—Meets every Saturday afternoon for a program appropriate for the Sabbath: discussions, Hebrew singing and dancing. Affiliated with United Synagogue Youth. Samuel Leiter, Leader.

Alvin Goldberg, Director of Athletics.

Donald Adolph, Instructor of Swimming.

Mr. Hyman Brickman, Supervisor of Youth Activities.

Center Clubs are open to the children of Center members and to the students of Center schools. The clubs are guided by expert leaders under the supervision of Rabbi Kreitman.

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## Junior League News

The Junior League at its next meeting on Thursday evening, March 4th, will feature its first discussion on a series of Jewish Communal Organizations. Mr. Hyman Brickman, Director of the Center Youth Activities and leader of this group, will speak on the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS). A social hour and dancing will follow. All young men and young women of college age are cordially invited to attend.

## Acknowledgment of Gifts

We acknowledge with thanks receipt of donations for the purchase of Prayer Books, Taleisim and books for our Library from the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Zachariah Marcus.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kaminsky in honor of their son's Bar Mitzvah.

Miss Edith Spergel.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gold in honor of the birth of their son.

Young Folks League.

## Speedy Recovery

We extend our best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery to Rabbi Jacob S. Doner of 1050 Park Place.

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## THE LOST CHINESE JEWS

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Rabbi Leaser and the latter issued another strong appeal to the American Jewish community.

The first response was from New Orleans. Under the inspiration of Rabbi James Gutheim, and aided by the philanthropist, Judah Touro, the Jews there founded, in 1853, the Foreign Mission Society for "the amelioration of the spiritual, social and political conditions of the Jews in foreign lands." The Society also decided to sponsor missions to distant Jewish settlements, found schools "and in a general sense to rekindle the expiring lamp of religion in such settlements."

The New Orleans Jewish community collected a substantial sum and forwarded it to Rabbi Adler "to be expended by him in educating the Chinese Jewish young men."

A meeting was held in New York at the home of Dr. Simeon Abrahams, for the purpose of forming a similar Missionary Society. Among those present were the Reverend Dr. Raphall and John I. Hart, President of the Congregation Shaare Tefilah. Unfortunately, only a few members favored the establishment of such a Society and the founding was postponed to a future date.

On January 20, 1853, a meeting of

the congregation of Mobile, Alabama, was held to discuss the advisability of a similar project. After careful deliberation the following resolution was adopted:

"Whereas, It having come to our knowledge that a large number of our brethren have been discovered in the interior of China, without proper religious knowledge, and that the missionaries of the different Christian denominations are using their utmost to convert them to Christianity, and it being our duty, as Israelites, to save them from straying from the faith of our fathers, be it, therefore,

"Resolved, That fifty dollars be, and are hereby, appropriated, for the mission to China, on the following condition: that whenever the other Congregations of the United States appropriate sufficient moneys for the above laudable purpose, the President of the Congregation be, and is hereby authorized, to draw on the treasurer for the above amount."

The movement gradually spread and the communities of Philadelphia, Atlanta and Richmond raised substantial sums of money. Rabbi Julius Eckman, of San Francisco, went so far as to offer his services to visit the Chinese Jews. The movement would have assumed greater

proportions, but the Civil War interrupted it.

In 1866, the question was brought up again. The editor of the *Occident* published an editorial in which he reviewed the initial steps taken by American Jewry on behalf of the Jews in China. He expressed his satisfaction over the fact that Judah Touro left five thousand dollars for the cause, and expressed his confidence that this money was safely invested and "escaped the wreck which so many institutions experienced of late in the South." He concluded the editorial with an appeal to the Hebrew Foreign Mission Society of New Orleans, the pioneer in the movement, to resume its work. The *London Jewish Chronicle* also issued an appeal, but, unfortunately, both were disappointed. The Civil War left its effects upon Jewish life in this country. The New Orleans community spent the money left by Judah Touro to alleviate the condition of some Jewish families in Louisiana who suffered financially from the conflict. Other communities took the same action. The project to help the isolated Chinese Jews had to be abandoned. It was, however, an effective attempt in the interests of a unique cause.

According to available information this ancient settlement has since disappeared, its members, as was feared, either dying out or being absorbed by the Chinese population.

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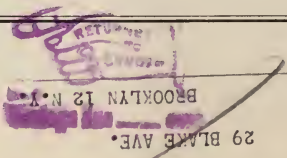
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